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Rally in the Valley - a timely comment

By Ruth Place and Leo Billington

What do you think of the closure of Hazelwood Power Station? Do you think something can be done to reverse the decision?

Would you be prepared to stand up and fight for a better outcome for our Valley? Do we think there is no point in trying for a better outcome; that we can't fight it because governments are seemingly unresponsive and have their own agenda? Do we think the media has given our Valley bad press and soured those outside about the lovely area in which we live?

We all need to get behind a small group of passionate pro-active residents of the Valley who banded together and quickly arranged the Rally in the Valley at the Morwell Football Netball Reserve on Sunday February 26, to show we are not complacent but are willing to show governments and other stakeholders that we are not satisfied with the inaction we have seen up until now.

There are many reasons why the power station is set to close with no clear plan ahead - financial, lack of government commitment to new technology, investment that would allow the power station to do the maintenance required to bring the station up to efficient working order, political waivering and looking after their own position to stay in government, environmentalists who say coal is to go, possible investors unwilling to be involved due to changes in decisions about the power industry here.

The outcome will be that people, ordinary everyday people who had good jobs, supported their families, looked forward to a secure future, now face unemployment at the end of March, with little prospect of finding similar jobs where they live, and families that have settled in this area. We have people in allied industries wondering if they will lose their jobs because the business has less work due to the closure.

We have contractors who will be unemployed but



without redundancy packages and few prospects of future employment.

The negative flow on effect will be great. Some will have ongoing jobs as the rehabilitation will take many years. The rehabilitation and turning the mine into a lake is essential to maintain the safety of Morwell township so it doesn't disappear into the mine.

Most people acknowledge that Hazelwood would have to close, but not in this way.

A proper transition plan seems unplanned and uninitiated. The workers are

finding the supports already put into place of little help.

At the conclusion of the rally after hearing several speakers, a series of resolutions were put to the gathered crowd.

"Resolutions:

1/ Calling on the state government to keep Hazelwood going for a period of four to six years either by supporting the plant with financial assistance (as with Portland \$250m) or aiding in the sale of the station to a purchaser who wants to run it. If required declare, that it is a required state asset.

2/ March on Parliament

on March 22, the day Russell Northe presents the 'Keep Hazelwood open' petition to the government.

3/ To insist that Engie turn over their rehabilitation funds to a Mine and Power Station "Future fund" capable of rehabilitating the site at its completion.

To subsequently contribute at least \$1 per tonne coal levy to the fund to ensure the funds under management remain adequate.

4/ Undertake a genuine transition program utilising the four to six years gained to accelerate the diversification of our regional economy.

5/ Under no circumstance quarantine our coal resource. The state government coal policy must allow for further development of brown coal in the Latrobe Valley.

The resource must be made available for the Urea fertiliser plant, the selling of Hydrogen to the Japanese, or new technology coal fired electricity. It would be stupidity to not leave all options open."

Some of these resolutions

are "too pie in the sky", but the need to support and have relevant policies from governments into future planning and capacity building for our community is essential. We need to make governments realise we are in a period of flux, grieving for what will come and that we need strong, decisive and effective leadership.

With community commitment showing governments we are serious and not complacent over this issue for which the speakers were calling, we can stand together and fight for our future. We should also keep our eyes open and support those workers who have lost their jobs by asking them how they are, offering help if needed.

Those who attended are asked to be there when the workers finish and leave for the last time at the main gate at Hazelwood on Friday March 31 to show their support. Let's not be down in the dumps but keep a positive perspective.

Let's stay above the repetitive rhetoric and make the Valley great again!



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4. Open - Adults 18+ short story
5. Open - Adults 18+ poem

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3. Local - Children's 11 - 13 yrs Short Story (illustrations welcome)

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5. Local - 14 - 17 yrs Short Story

6. Local - 14 - 17 yrs Poetry

7. Local - Adult Short Story

8. Local - Adult Poetry

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Elise's Junior Kitchen

Blueberry pancakes with vanilla yoghurt:
Ingredients:
 1 Cup self raising flour
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 1 Cup blueberries
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 Butter
 Icing Sugar to serve
Method:
 First sift the flour into a large bowl.
 Then add the egg, vanilla and milk, and whisk until the mixture is smooth and free from all the lumps.
 Next I like to put the mixture into a measuring jug. It helps me pour it easily into the pan.
 You could use any kind of jug with a spout!
 This is where you'll need an adult to help, it's time to use the stove!
 Put a teaspoon of butter in a hot pan. When it melts, pour the amount of mixture you would like into the pan for the size of the pancake you would like to make.
 Now sprinkle some



blueberries across the top of the pancake that's in the pan! You can eat some of the blueberries here too if you want to, it won't ruin the pancake.

When you start to see large bubbles in the pancake, it's time to flip it over! The other side won't take long to lightly brown though, so keep an eye on it! This will make the blueberries nice and juicy too.

When they're cooked, I like to stack them, sprinkle them with icing sugar and a put a big dollop of vanilla yoghurt on top, and a big spoonful in my mouth! Yummy!

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Hazelwood Rotary Club

By Leo Billington
 Following the successful annual Christmas Wrap at Mid Valley in December and various sausage sizzles across the local area, Hazelwood




Above: Jean Tops and Ian Wilson
 Below: Kylie Walton and Ian Wilson




Rotary has started the year with two interesting guest speakers. For over 50 years, our first guest speaker, Jean Tops, from Moe, has championed the plight of unpaid carers with a "feisty voice" acknowledged and heard by Australian government agencies at all levels. Jean, as a full-time carer, quickly grabbed any available opportunity to become an outspoken advocate for unpaid carers. Five decades of lobbying while living and unselfishly caring for her daughter, has extracted plenty of mental and physical energy. Jean did not walk away; quite to the contrary. As described by others, "Jean fearlessly decided to find ways around [granite like] bureaucratic brick walls to set precedents for children with profound disability." Proprietor and editor of the Gippsland Country Life magazine, Kylie Walton provided club members with an overview of the

publishing industry. With increasing pressure from social media and rising costs impacting newspapers, boutique magazines are maintaining their market share. Gippsland Country Life was established in 2006, and is locally owned and produced from offices in Poowong. Circulation of the magazine covers all Gippsland, Melbourne's eastern suburbs and via subscriptions interstate and overseas. Hazelwood Rotary was also a guest of the Morwell Bowls Club last week mainly to learn about the game and how to play. Over several hours, and being in teams with more experienced bowlers, several budding champion Rotary club members were discovered. For anyone interested in becoming a Rotarian, please contact President, Ian Wilson on 0409 937 222.



Rainfall

Churchill rainfall details for February 2017
 Churchill had a mostly dry month with the exception of two days, when we enjoyed some good rain.
 The total for the month



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Hazelwood Rotary

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"Hazelwood Rotary - distributed over \$4000 raised from the 2016 Mid Valley Christmas Wrap to 13 local community organisations."

Mathison Park



Four willing workers turned up for the February working bee.

Many fallen branches were cleared which are the result of high winds and grubs eating them.

Some of the new trees had the weeds removed from around them and mulch added. The nails which had protruded from the boards on the bridge were removed and replaced in another spot with

extra nails added to ensure the boards didn't lift the nails again.

Using the chainsaw, Chris, Dave and Max cleared fallen branches and several small trees from along the fence line above the western side of the lake. Max used the loppers to trim overhanging branches that were beginning to intrude on the path space. During morning tea, Reg appeared and stayed on to

help with the last of the cut branches. They did a good job, had a few jokes and a laugh, and went home happy.

The community corrections team has tamed the grass on some of the east side again. It always looks so much more presentable after they have been.

Isn't it wonderful to note how the new trees have grown. Imagine the park in ten years!

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Urgent call for volunteers Latrobe district

Well, in contrast to many others the Gippsland Farmer Relief team did not see much of a Christmas break. Instead, we've been busy, busy, busy gearing up for a challenging 2017. Sadly the fall-out still exists for many farmers affected by the 2016 milk price issues, and we've added yet more farmer families to those we already support.

We've also had several new volunteers join us - we now number 20 (from the humble beginning in May last year of just three!) However, there are still some districts that would greatly benefit from volunteers to enable speedier hamper deliveries to those areas - currently our volunteer group is pushed to

make deliveries to the Latrobe Valley areas.

A District Coordinator with leadership skills, and hamper delivery volunteers in the Latrobe region are needed urgently.

Do you have a couple of hours spare per week? Would you consider volunteer work? If so and you would like to help us reach out to farmers in our community, please contact Melissa or Jan on the numbers below.

Gippsland Farmer Relief Inc. is a group of volunteers who have come together to help support farmer families in need, particularly dairy farmers who may still be in crisis from the 2016 farm gate milk price turmoil.

We are an incorporated body that coordinates the

assembly and delivery of relief hampers directly to farmers in need to help alleviate the stress of household budgets and assist them to continue with their everyday lives and farm duties.

We use a "hands up" approach to farmers' needs that is offered at all times with complete confidentiality and respect for them and their families.

For more information:
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Jan on 0488 445 153.

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Church News



Saturday Breakfast

By Keith Enders

A kookaburra visits the breakfast table on the verandah of Keith and Heather's house in the Jeeralangs. What do the kookaburra and problem gambling, particularly gambling on pokies, have in common?

The commonality is that both the Kookaburra and the problem gambler are under the compelling nature of the law of intermittent reinforcement, the most powerful reinforcer, and predictor of human and animal behaviour.

Heather explained that psychologists can wield considerable power to control animal and human behaviour, because they understand the principles of Behavioural Psychology.

Because of this, the practice of Psychology is rigidly enforced by the Australian Health Professions Registration Act, which requires that all psychologists obey the extensive ethics that cover all aspects of psychological practice.

Heather in the past has been President of the Australian Psychological Society (APS), Central Gippsland Group, APS approved supervisor of Psychologists, past Director of Lifeline Latrobe Valley, sessional lecturer in Abnormal Psychology at Monash, Gippsland. Supervisor and part time lecturer at Post Graduate level in Counselling Psychology.

She was also Director of a Community Health initiated programme to reduce rates of cigarette smoking in the Latrobe Valley.

The latter years of her career have been spent in private practice.

Heather pointed out that poker machines are clustered in the lower socioeconomic



areas of Australia and that Australia has 21% of the world's poker machines. 40% of poker machine revenue comes from people with a problem gambling habit, and 20% is the revenue from developing problem gamblers. The addictive nature of poker machines was explained by Heather.

Heather is now retired and spends her time gainfully employed in relaxation, enjoying friends and family life, LandCare, and issues pertaining to social justice among other things.

Next Breakfast

This will be held on March 25 at the Co-Operating Churches, starting at 7.45 am. Dr Ron Camier of Mountain Top Experience will be the guest speaker. Ron has extensive experience in four wheel driving operating a 4WD touring business. He is often called on to rescue people who get in to trouble when four wheel driving. People interested in attending should contact Keith Enders by Thursday March 23, on 5122 1148 or at ken.15967@bigpond.com

Co-Operating Churches Snippets



The parish congregations were sad to learn of Sheila Crookston's passing last year and pleased we could pay tribute to this lovely parishioner through her Vale last issue.

Another member of our congregation at Churchill whose life we celebrated with a funeral to honour her life, was Audrey Hall

The Ladies Fellowship began their years work with their annual commitment service. This is a lovely, quiet reflective service dedicating the ladies for their efforts this year.

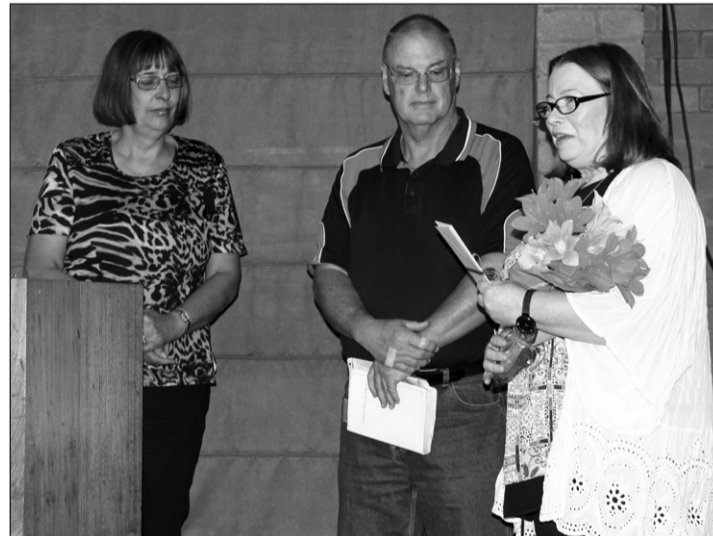
Churchill Lions Market went well for us again. Our wood raffles are popular and will continue. We also have plants, cakes and jams as well as bric-a-brac and other tempting items. Call in and say hello.

The Youth Group has been split into two groups to better accommodate the growing age difference. The junior age meets from 4.30-6pm and the seniors from 7.30pm-9pm. The participants will be given a snack and drink but not a meal. The session consists of a devotion, some activities, games etc. The first night was a Messy Games Night and the children were asked to wear old clothes and bring a change of clothes.



All the children had fun, discovering how porridge and shaving cream feels between the toes, slipping and sliding in spaghetti. Junior Youth watched a foam cup disappear just like our sins are forgiven. Senior Youth talked about how good chocolate is and how we share something good with others like we should

share our faith. Sadly we said farewell to the Curwood family who have moved away for health reasons. They have been part of our Churchill congregation for many years. They will be missed but we wish them good health and best wishes in their new home and community.



Church Times

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Boolarra: Mass: 10.30am

Churchill Christian Fellowship

Maple Crescent, Churchill
Sunday: 10.00am

Student Connect

By Frank C. Lees Chaplain
A lot has been written on pre-Christian thought.

Basically...the Hebrew idea focuses on the one Supreme God, whereas other nations worshipped many gods; plus, that this God singled out the Hebrew people to have a special relationship with Him based on the righteousness of His people, not only on respect for Him as other gods did.

Then, the Greek idea focuses on reason and on figuring out why things were as they were; as well as on the immortality of the soul, etc.

The Ancient Roman idea focuses on the universal values to be subscribed to; as

well as an emphasis on order.

As the people of New Testament times were Roman subjects, all of these ideas came together well in terms of specifically Christian thought.

They had a central guiding idea of God's 'choosing' of a people; with an emphasis on rational, intelligent thinking; together with the order and pragmatism of a value based



system. Today...Christian thought still focuses a lot on God's choosing of us for Himself, on teaching which engages thinking, and on order and values. Worth thinking about!

Australian Plant Society

The Latrobe Valley Australian Plant Society has monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 7:30pm at the Federation Training Horticultural building at the back of Kernot Hall in Morwell. Sometimes in the warmer months we also meet at excursion venues.

We enjoy learning about the varied flora we have locally and interstate.

For the intrepid traveller or interested gardener, there are a few web sites that can be accessed that may help identify the plant you have just photographed.

<https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au>

www.natureshare.org.au
<https://apsvic.org.au>

Below is another of Mike Beamish's entertaining texts about plants in his garden.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: Grevillea masonii

Family: Proteaceae

Derivation:

Grevillea: Named after Charles Francis Greville (1749-1809), one of the founders of the Horticultural Society, who introduced and grew rare plants at Paddington, London.

masonii; Named after David Mason of Coraki, near Lismore, NSW, one of the original collectors of the species in 1992.

Common Name:

None, or Mason's Grevillea if you insist.

Distribution:

Confined to degraded, roadside verges and pasture land in open eucalypt woodland, in gravelly loam, near Grafton in north-eastern NSW.

Description: A small shrub to 0.5m tall. Leaves are about 3cm long and 1cm broad, green and smooth, sometimes sparsely hairy on top, paler and silky - hairy underneath. Flowers occur in late winter and spring on wild plants, but can occur all year on cultivated plants. They occur in clusters of up to ten individual flowers, which consist of a 1cm long red and green whorl with a 25mm straight, green style. The species is in the same taxonomic group as our own Golden Grevillea, so looks superficially similar.

Opinion: My specimen came as an APS LV raffle prize in April 2015 and was soon installed into the island bed around my frog pond in the middle of the front yard, where it gets some reasonably direct light in the morning and dappled shade in the afternoons. It has done very well and has grown to its predicted dimensions



quite quickly. Hopefully it has learned how to read, as I don't want it to get too much bigger. If it does, it will begin to encroach on the surrounding pathways and smother my rain gauges and will need to be reprimanded. It does look very much like G. chrysophaea in all but flower colour. Instead of golden yellow, the flowers are a rich red and green. The flowers don't really stand out, but are quite beautiful with a closer look.

While searching for the best flowers to photograph, I noticed a caterpillar having a munch on the leaves. Turns out it is a Grevillea Looper caterpillar, which can alter its colour to blend into the foliage upon which it is living and turns into a large moth, with the equally colourful name Oenochroma vinaria. We have been catching the occasional moth as food for our orphan Sugar Gliders. How's that for the grand cycle of life?

Churchill Fire Brigade



Darren McLean

On February 14, 1982 the brigade was called to a deliberately lit grass and scrub fire up the Middle Creek Road in Yinnar South. Whilst returning to get another load of water, the Churchill Jeeralang tanker was stopped to let another tanker past and rolled into Middle Creek when the roadway collapsed. A number of the crew were injured when the tanker rolled.

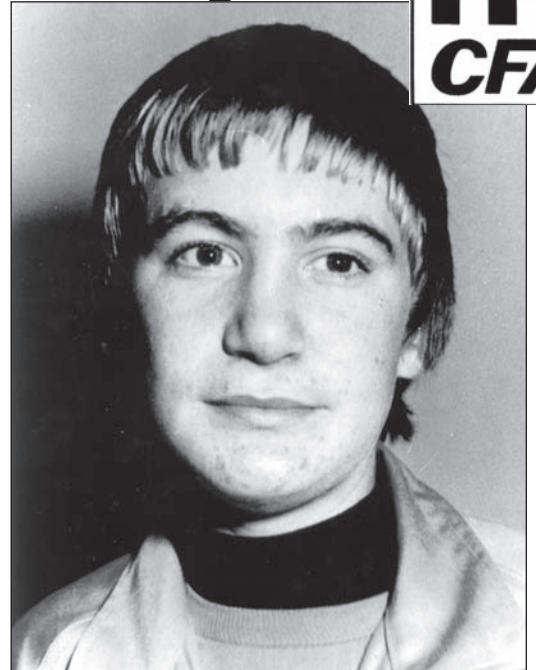
Darren McLean, a member from Churchill, was fatally injured and passed away from complications as a result of his injuries on March 7, 1982. We remember Darren as a dedicated volunteer firefighter who gave his life in the service of his community. He was only 17.

Annual CFA Firefighters Memorial Service

The annual CFA Firefighters Memorial Service will be held in Churchill on Sunday May 7 at 11am (time and other details to be confirmed). The annual service is to remember those firefighters who died responding to a call for help in the line of duty with the CFA and its predecessor organisations. This year's event will be an opportunity for the Brigade and community to honour Darren McLean, one of our own members who lost his life in the service of others.

Summer Season

Although the summer fire season has been quiet for Churchill so far and



the weather has dipped dramatically at times, it is not a sign to be complacent. The extra growth we have seen will add to the fuel load, so please keep your lawns and grass mowed, leaves and bark raked up and roof gutters cleaned.

We have had such a lot of wind that gutters which are usually clean have filled with leaves adding fuel for flying embers, as well as causing flooding with heavy rain downpours.

Suspicious actions

Arson is still of much concern and is a large contributor to the number of fires that we have to deal with around the Latrobe Valley. Our Brigade is urging

members of the public to keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and if they see something suspicious to report it to Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000 or police on 000. Remember the saying, "If you see something, say something".

Thank you

Members of the Churchill and neighbouring fire brigades who participated in the Christmas Eve lolly drop would like to say a big thank you to the public who generously presented them with gifts in appreciation of the service.

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Russell Northe

Last month I had the pleasure of attending Churchill Primary School to present student leaders with their leadership badges.

Congratulations to all students who were elected to their respective positions!

I recently joined with the Member for Eastern Victoria Region Melina Bath, to mingle with university students at Federation University Churchill campus Market Day to find out what was on their wish list for change.

We met some fantastic people who spoke about very valid issues which are important to them and which they would like to see addressed by State Government.

I was pleased to speak with a number of students about what is most important to them in terms of State Government assistance.

It was really just a fun and relaxed day meeting with students and ensuring they know that we as their local Members of Parliament are there to represent their views as best we can.

The Churchill Community Festival is taking place on Saturday March 18, 2017 at the Churchill Hub, Phillip Parade, Churchill and at the Churchill Hotel for the Lions Club Community Market.

The market will be held from 8.30am – 1.30pm and the festival activities will take place from 10.30am – 2pm.

The festival will be an opportunity to celebrate the Churchill community and connect people through food, music and activities.

For more information contact 5122 2955 or email info@churchill.org.au.

I encourage people to consider nominating a local business or charity for

the 2017 Telstra Business Awards.

Now in their 25th year, the Telstra Business Awards are renowned for showcasing and celebrating the achievements of Australia's most brilliant small and medium businesses and charities.

Anyone can make a nomination - employees, associates, friends, family, clients, customers or business owners themselves.

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With the closure of Hazelwood Power Station

looming hundreds of community members gathered at the Morwell Recreation Reserve on Sunday February 26, to show their support for workers who will lose their job when Hazelwood closes on March 31.

The community stood together to show their support for Latrobe Valley workers, contractors and businesses.

The community called the rally amid fears about the impact of Hazelwood's closure on the region's economy.



In a matter of weeks around 750 jobs are expected to be lost when the station closes, adding to the hundreds of local contractors already out of work.

I congratulate the community on standing together and showing their support for this very important issue.

Churchill Community Festival

Saturday March 18, 2017 from 8.30am to 2.00pm!

Be sure to have this date in your diary as this year's Churchill Community Festival will be another great event.

There will be plenty to experience; events, stalls, rides, games, music, dancing, food and drink, a medieval re-enactment and fun for all the family.

The day will get underway with the monthly Lions Club Market at the Churchill Hotel car park.

Federal Government "Hazelwood Taskforce" Meeting:

A recent Federal Government's "Hazelwood

Taskforce" meeting, initiated by the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Member for Gippsland Darren Chester, included our Mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan.

She was joined by our neighbouring Mayors from Baw Baw Shire and Wellington Shire.

The meeting featured a robust exchange of information and a strong commitment to a cooperative approach to transition by our community, with a strong collective desire to secure a meaningful jobs announcement before March 31, 2017, the date for closure of the Hazelwood Power Station.

Decentralisation was seen

as an agreed key priority and decentralisation of a government agency to Latrobe City was acknowledged as having potential positive impacts for each of the three municipalities.

It was also noted that an announcement from the State and Federal Governments around rail and rail infrastructure would complement any decentralisation announcement.

The meeting identified that there is a level of community frustration with the ongoing lack of investment in regional rail infrastructure.

By Linda Reid

The Churchill & District Community Association had an interesting and very productive February meeting.

Sergeant Phil den Houting gave an informative report on the community policing that is ongoing in the Churchill area with a lot of positive comments about the younger residents.

Our crime statistics are much lower than other areas in Latrobe City, thanks to how policing is conducted in Churchill.

Latrobe City is calling for input on a change to the Latrobe Planning Scheme.

Amendment C94 is about re-zoning parcels of Crown Land as recreational open space.

Churchill has a number of such areas, mainly along Monash Way and in the Lake Hyland area.

The Churchill & District Community Association

There has been no meaningful investment in the Gippsland rail infrastructure since completion of the Regional Fast Rail project in 2005/06.

The fact is that some commuter services from Warragul to Melbourne are now slower than in 2000.

Rail investment stands as an opportunity to unlock the considerable potential of our region.

The Mayors acknowledged the Federal Minister, Mr. Chester, for his ongoing commitment to working with each of the three Latrobe Valley Councils impacted by the Hazelwood

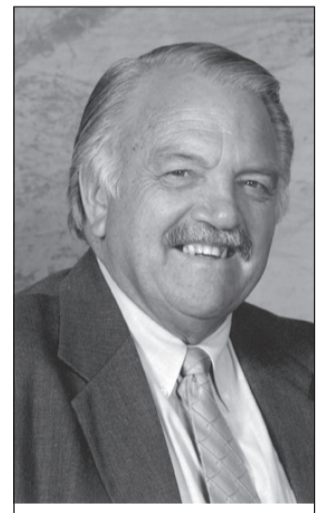
Power Station closure announcement.

Churchill Town Hall – Booking arrangements:

This opportunity is taken to advise our community that Council has introduced modified arrangements, which enables Hall Hire bookings to now be made at Council's Service Centre at the Churchill Hub.

The community rate for bazaars, fetes, stalls, presentation nights, school concerts, weddings, social events and meetings is currently \$18.50 per hour.

All bookings and other enquiries should be made



by speaking to staff at the Churchill Hub Service Centre. Tel 1300 367 700.

Darrell White

CDCA

has begun a process of examining how viable and sustainable we are now and will be in the future.

We have obtained funding to engage someone to assist us with this, so if you receive a survey or are asked about your thoughts, the feedback you provide will be valuable in helping us to create a strategy to ensure that we will be active in the future.

The tender for the new Pavilion for the Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field will be let shortly and it is anticipated that it will be finished by early December.

This should bring more visitors into Churchill, cementing its regional status for a number of sports.

There was a discussion on the unsightly Acacia Way former service station site.

Both the Environmental Protection Authority and Latrobe City are aware of the issues around this site and are actively investigating remediation and following up with the owners of the site.

Although it may look like nothing is happening, behind

the scenes they are working very hard.

This is an issue the Churchill & District Community Association will be continuing to monitor.

Our next meeting is on May 16 at the Gippsland Enterprise Centre (formerly Green Inc.) in McDonald Way at 5.30pm.

Although we are only meeting quarterly we are operational between our meetings so please check our website <http://cdca.org.au>.



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STAMP MATTERS- A NEW EXPERIENCE



State and national emblems
Australia has its own national animal, bird and flower emblems and they feature on our coat of arms.

On the left is the kangaroo, on the right is the emu and a spray of wattle supports and surrounds the central shield. Each state also has its own emblem as does the Northern Territory while the A.C.T has no animal emblem. Three states also have an official marine emblem.

Here in Victoria, our emblems are the Leadbeaters possum, the helmeted honeyeater and the common heath and all have featured on Australian stamps.

New South Wales lays claim to the platypus, the kookaburra and the waratah while Tasmania uses the Tasmanian devil, the helmeted honeyeater and the Tasmanian blue gum.

South Australia uses the white-backed magpie, the southern hairy-nosed wombat and the Sturts desert pea. Western Australia has the numbat, the black swan and the red and green kangaroo paw. Queensland's emblems are the koala, the brolga and the Cooktown orchid.

The Northern Territory uses the red kangaroo, the wedge-tailed eagle and Sturts

desert rose. The Australian Capital Territory has no animal emblem but uses the royal bluebell and the gang-gang cockatoo.

The three marine emblems are the blue groper for New South Wales, the weedy sea-dragon for Victoria and the leafy sea-dragon for South Australia.

Most of these emblems have featured on Australian stamps either as the main feature or as part of the background and they can form a very interesting collection. The kangaroo featured on the first Australian stamps in 1911.

The emu and the kangaroo were part of the King George V designs which followed. The kookaburra first appeared on an Australian stamp in 1914 and the black swan in 1929. Wattle was part of the design of the threepence George VI issue of 1937, and the platypus featured on the ninepence issue of the same year.

The waratah graced the three shilling issue of 1959 and the numbat was on the sixpence stamp the same year. The kangaroo paw was on the fivepence Commonwealth Games issue of 1962, and all six state flowers formed part of the first decimal currency

set. Sturts desert rose and Sturts desert pea were on the coil stamps issued in 1970 while the red kangaroo was on the eighteenpence Fauna Conservation issue of 1971.

Leadbeaters possum appeared on a 50cent stamp in 1981 and on a 30cent stamp, together with the helmeted honeyeater on the 150th Anniversary of Victoria issue of 1984. The next emblem to feature was the royal bluebell on a booklet stamp in 1986, the weedy sea-dragon in 1998, the wedge-tailed eagle in 2001 and the Tasmanian devil in 2006.

Many emblems have featured a number of times other than these. Altogether they would make a fine collection for a patriotic collector.

Latrobe Valley Philatelic Society meets monthly on the last Wednesday of each month at the Uniting Church on Princes Drive in Morwell. New members are always welcome so come along and try it out.

Northe fights for a new Latrobe Special Developmental School

Member for Morwell Russell Northe joined with Latrobe Special Developmental School (Latrobe SDS) Council President, Sam Varsaci and parents to call on the Government to provide funding for a new school.

Mr Northe visited the school recently as part of his mission to gain government funding to support Latrobe SDS to acquire a new school.

"Latrobe SDS in Traralgon educates students with moderate to severe intellectual disability who reside in the Latrobe Valley," Mr Northe said.

"The current buildings are not adequate for the students to easily access their school program and for the dedicated staff at the school to deliver a quality education for the students that attend the school. The only permanent building

on the grounds was built in 1958 and contains a large amount of asbestos. Many of the fittings and furnishings are still the original equipment that was put in over 50 years ago".

Mr Northe said this building was not designed as a school, and does not meet the standards required to deliver a quality education to some of our most vulnerable children.

"The additional buildings are all portables that have been in place since the 1980s and have been added over the years to accommodate the increase in student numbers," Mr Northe said.

"These portables have not been purpose built and do not meet the educational needs of the students who attend the school".

Mr Northe said the staff at Latrobe SDS work diligently to support students

and feel that it is time that their students were given the same opportunities that other students have.

"A new school would make an enormous difference to students with special needs, their families and those who teach them," Mr Northe said.

"Students and teachers at Latrobe SDS deserve a permanent home with access to capital funding and facilities to take them into the future.

Many of the students have high needs and use specialised equipment and it is simply not good enough that they are subjected to these poor conditions.

It is vital that students in a special school setting receive a quality education in a modern purpose built school and as a community we must not rest until funding is provided".

New help for local businesses to hire young employees

Gippsland businesses can now get additional Federal Government support to hire young job seekers.

Jobactive PaTH (Prepare, Trial, Hire) Program will help young Australians through pre-employment training, internships and wage subsidies. The program will be fully operational in April.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester welcomed the new program, saying it would help local businesses to hire young people, and give young people the skills to find long-

term employment.

Financial incentives of up to \$10,000 are available to encourage businesses to employ new staff under the age of 25.

"Right now, there's no higher priority for Gippsland and for the Government than creating jobs," Mr Chester said.

"That means not only growing our economy, but also helping people to become job ready by providing them with valuable training.

Finding employment is the key to allow young

people to stay in the area and contribute to the future of our community.

Our jobactive PaTH Program is all about getting young people ready, giving them a go and getting them a job.

I strongly encourage more local business owners to consider what this program can offer, including the wage subsidies, and how it can help them to take on extra staff and expand their operation".

For more information, visit www.jobsearch.gov.au/path

Churchill Community Garden

Building rock retaining walls

Workshop - 2pm Sunday March 26, at the Churchill community garden, 9-11 Phillip Parade Churchill.

The Churchill Community Garden has been a hive of activity this month with the embankment terraced and paths and ramps being constructed. The rock retaining wall is the standout feature and the professional rock wall builder will be giving a two hour workshop explaining the technique on Sunday March 26 at 2pm. While you watch he will build a section of our garden's retaining wall and talk you through it step by step. You can have a go yourself or just watch and learn.

Afternoon refreshments will be served and the cost of the workshop is \$10.

Please ring the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre on 5122 2955 if you will be participating or visit the Churchill Community Garden on Saturday March 18, at the Churchill Festival when we'll be taking bookings for the workshop.

The garden group has been busy growing plants and seedlings to sell at the festival at very reasonable prices. Drop in to the Churchill Community Garden and see how it has developed since last year, thanks to a grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and our dedicated group of gardeners.



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A Churchill & District History Series

Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Hazelwood/Churchill Football Club

The current Churchill Football Club can trace its origins back to the Hazelwood Football Club, which commenced in 1888 when first mention of the club was in the Morwell Advertiser, August 18 when they played Traralgon losing 4-7 to 1-3.

In 1889 they again played Traralgon this time for the Thompson Cup playing the best of three. Hazelwood lost the first two which gave the trophy to Traralgon.



Bill Anderson



Ken Jennings

In 1890 they again played Traralgon, one home, one away. The home ground was on Mr Thompson's property, the boundary line was a furrow and the ground had to be cleared of bracken, small scrubs, and rabbit holes

needed to be filled.

No mention of the club could be found between 1891-1893 but in 1894 they formed an under 20 team playing against Traralgon and Morwell.

Morwell was the strongest winning five games and drawing one (with Traralgon) to finish with 22 points.

Traralgon had six points and Hazelwood failed to register a win.

In 1895 Boolarra joined the Morwell Football Association which brought it up to four teams, Morwell, Traralgon, Hazelwood and Boolarra.

The Hazelwood team for their first match was: Shaw (2), Berg, Flewin, Jarvie, McInnes, McDonald, Bolding (3), Porter, Thompson, Whitton, Hughinan, Marshall, Henchel, Nadenbousch, Johnson, Cottrell, Cooper, Cranwell and Bryant.

Hazelwood however could only manage two wins, both over Morwell -

"August 21, 1895

Boolarra 2-7 Hazelwood 1-1

A football match was played here between the Boolarra and Hazelwood teams.

The Boolarra team arrived short-handed, taking on six Morwell players.

A. Thompson captained the home side (Hazelwood) and W. Christian led Boolarra. The game was a good one throughout. Berg put up a goal for Hazelwood in the first quarter and when ends were changed the scores were: Hazelwood 1 goal 1 behind, Boolarra 3 behinds. In the

second quarter, the Boolarra skipper snicked a goal, and 2 more behinds were registered for his side. Hazelwood failed to add to their score.

The final scores were Boolarra 2 goals (kicked by Christian), 7 behinds to Hazelwood 1 goal, 1 behind.

The game was more evenly contested than the figures tend to show. Hazelwood, through faulty kicking, spoilt many of their chances to score.

The opinion here is that our own team would have won had Boolarra played their own men.

T. Keegan made a very efficient central umpire. An excellent luncheon was provided by the Hazelwood ladies."

(Morwell-Yinnar Gazette, August 23, 1895)

In 1896 the Morwell Football Association comprised only three teams Hazelwood, Morwell and Traralgon.

Hazelwood's first game against Traralgon was postponed due to wet weather. Then Traralgon had the better of Hazelwood in the second match winning 5-4 to 1-3.

Traralgon however objected to travelling and forfeited their next two "away" games prompting a letter to the editor of the Morwell-Yinnar Gazette.

EDITORIAL

"To the Editor (Morwell/Yinnar Gazette):

Our local footballers can now fully understand what must have been feelings of the Hazelwood club when the Traralgonites failed to keep their promise for the match arranged some time ago.

Certainly on that day there was some rain which afforded an excuse, but for their not putting in an appearance in Morwell on the 4th inst. has not yet been explained.

The weather afforded no excuse as the day was all that could be desired.

Our boys would not have thought so much about it had they not gone to a great deal of trouble to get a strong team together, as well as making all the arrangements for the use of the showground, to say nothing about buying a new ball for the occasion, and the time spent in erecting goal posts, etc., etc.

If Traralgon have adopted this idea of treating clubs as a sort of practical joke, the sooner they sink into oblivion (which I think they will soon), the better.

Disgusted supporter."

Hazelwood decided to leave the Morwell Football Association in 1897 and joined the Mirboo-Boolarra Football Association, which comprised teams from Boolarra, Mirboo North, Hazelwood, Yinnar Seconds and Budgeree.

Due to poor weather conditions and the state of the roads there were no matches in July of that year. Boolarra finished on top followed by Hazelwood.

In 1898 Hazelwood went into recess with many of their players going elsewhere. No reason could be found as to why they disbanded, but in 1901 they reformed gaining back former players plus others from neighbouring clubs. They joined the Morwell Football Association

which was a minor league with matches being played fortnightly.

It was a good year for Hazelwood but they had a few problems along the way as their team's four horse drag got bogged when going to Traralgon. Players had to walk to the match which eventually started at 4,00pm, but Hazelwood still had enough energy to beat Traralgon 1-7 to 1-4. Hazelwood came second to Traralgon level on 22 points and played Traralgon for the premiership. After scores were level with only minutes to play, the Churchill captain, Thompson had a place kick to score the winning goal and take out Hazelwood's first premiership 3-4 to 2-4.

The excitement of their first premiership must have been overwhelming as they again went into recess for the next six years, re-emerging in the Morwell Football Association in 1907 along with Morwell, Jeeralang, Yinnar and Boolarra. Some of the players for that season included, Donohue, Smith, McGrath, Walker, Summerfield, Humphries, Gould and Blick.

Two of their better players Bolding and Thompson crossed to Jeeralang.

In 1908 Hazelwood again played in the Morwell Football Association along with Morwell, Yinnar and Jeeralang, however Jeeralang pulled out midway through the season. Club colours and some players were: Morwell (yellow/black), Brinsmead brothers, Clarke, Gibson, Vance, Wishart, Butters, Vary, Davey, and Symons. Yinnar (black/white), Hazelwood (Red/white/blue), McGrath, Grant, Mackey, Neille, Burr, Waldron, Thomas, Smith, Owens, Bolding, Jeeralang (Dark blue, red star).

Umpires: Ellingworth and Watson were paid 12/6 plus meals. The final ladder was Yinnar 28, Hazelwood 16 and Morwell 4. Yinnar was awarded the Davey Trophy.

The Chas Smythe Trophy replaced the Davey Trophy in 1909, with five teams now competing after Boolarra was admitted.

Umpires got a huge rise in pay, it jumped from 12/6 the previous year to £1/1/- but the umpires now had to supply their own transport, whistle and meals. Clubs had to share the cost of the umpires (10/6d). The inclusion of boundary umpires was lost and the field umpire had to throw the ball in.

Some Hazelwood players were, Grant, Barr, Curracin, Bolding, A Mackey, Neille, Maxwell, Barr and James.

After the season the club had a Grand Ball in the North Hazelwood Mechanic's Hall.

In 1910 Hazelwood continued in the Morwell Football Association along with Boolarra, Morwell and Yinnar and played for the McKay Trophy. A few of the Hazelwood players mentioned as best through the season were Neille, Burr, Grant, Monteith and Hughinan (2).

The same four teams comprised the Morwell Football Association in 1911 with Yinnar the pick of the three teams. In their final match the score stood at Hazelwood 4-9 to Yinnar 5-2 but Yinnar protested regarding the score, accused Hazelwood goal umpire of allowing a goal after the ball was touched through. After a lengthy hearing and many witnesses the protest was upheld and Yinnar awarded the points. The final ladder was Yinnar 38, Hazelwood 30, Boolarra 20, Morwell 8.

In the final between Yinnar and Hazelwood there was plenty of controversy according to the eyewitness account in the Morwell-Yinnar Gazette Neither team brought a football to the game (the Association didn't own any footballs) as each team thought the other should bring a ball. A search went on in Morwell to find a ball which was eventually located at Tulloch's hotel.

It had to be inflated and by the time a pump was found it was getting late. The match eventually started at 4.00pm with Yinnar winning in the darkness by 40 points to take out the premiership.

In 1912 the Morwell Football Association increased in size with Traralgon and Mirboo North both entering teams. Train travel now made it easier to get to Mirboo, Yinnar and Boolarra from the main line at Morwell.

Notice many of the names mentioned were the pioneers of the district and now many roads and streets have been named in their honour. Teams: Boolarra (Crutchfield, Lucas, McKaskill, Opper, Briggs, Christian, Love), Traralgon (new) (Crowe, Cotterill, Ross, Ashman, Ryan brothers, Campbell, McKee), Hazelwood (J. Thompson, Shaw, Bolding, Monteith, R. Thompson, Eastbourne, McGrath.), Mirboo North (new) (Stanton, Vernon, Trease, McKenzie, Cain.), Yinnar (Football Association J Irving, Schuller, T Quigley,

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Best and Fairest: 1968 Winning Grand Final, Joe Redmond presenting medal to William Bailey

Ayres, O'Hara, Deppeler, Mills, Hickson). Mirboo finished on top but later lost the minor premiership after being stripped of 12 points after playing an ineligible player. The local league tribunal heard the case but referred to the Victorian Association, who then found the protest upheld. Boolarra was awarded the minor premiers with the right of challenge.

The same six teams comprised the 1913 Morwell Football Association but rules were amended to adjust and amend the radius rule, which previously stated that a player had to reside within the radius for seven days before playing a match. The rule was amended to 14 days. Mirboo North was again the strongest team and abided by the rules to take out the minor premiership and league championship. President of the Association was a farmer called Farmer and the secretary was Colin Watson appointed at £3/3/- per year.

With the shadows of WW1 in 1914 approaching, the Morwell Football Association was again up and running but the Gippsland Football Association Journal of May 5 had the following article.

"EXTRAORDINARY POSITION ARISES IN LOCAL COMP

Following the discussion that took place at the meeting of delegates to the Morwell District Competition on Tuesday morning, we are not in the least surprised at having to record the withdrawal of the Yinnar and Hazelwood clubs. Their argument is that they do not think it advisable to continue the competition with five teams, Traralgon having dropped out. This is a very lame excuse. The very fact of the matter is - and they make no secret about it - that they

wish to exclude the Mirboo North club, and so have adopted unscrupulous tactics in order to attain their end. We would be extremely sorry to see the Morwell club support them in the matter, better by far to have NO football at all than to endorse this course of action. In consequence, no senior football will be played tomorrow."

A letter was received by the Morwell Football Competition from the Traralgon Football Club advising that they would withdraw from the Morwell Competition and join the North Gippsland Association. Two days later the Morwell-Yinnar Advertiser carried this story.

"YINNAR AND HAZELWOOD RESCIND WITHDRAWAL

The Yinnar and Hazelwood clubs have seen reason and decided to withdraw their application to leave the Morwell Competition. After lengthy discussions the two clubs saw reason prevail and re-joined the Morwell Competition. Mirboo North for the third year in succession finished as minor premiers.

In 1915 the name of the Competition was changed to the Morwell-Mirboo Football Association with the following teams: Boolarra, Yinnar, Hazelwood, Morwell and Mirboo North. The season was cut to only nine rounds as the league folded due to WW1, as many teams lost players who joined up. The whole of the Hazelwood team enlisted. Mirboo led the table but were found to have an ineligible player against Yinnar in the second semi-final, Yinnar was awarded the match and went on to beat Boolarra in the final, but as Mirboo finished as minor premiers they had the right of

challenge, but it was refused by Yinnar which gave Yinnar the McKay Cup premiership.

Many players were signed up with signing up booths at each football match.

The league donated £6/6/- to the wounded soldiers fund."

Football resumed after WW1 with the Morwell-Mirboo Football Association reforming in 1920. Morwell changed colours to yellow and green and were called the Canaries. Boolarra, Yinnar, Hazelwood, Mirboo North and newcomers Brown Coal Mine (Yallourn North) affiliated. For seasons 1921 and 1922 Hazelwood had limited success finishing with more losses than wins. They had to change their ground situation many times due to floods, farmers wanting land back and unsuitable paddocks to call playing fields. After going more than half a season in 1923 Hazelwood pulled their team from the competition, citing ground availability and milking agendas (many of the Hazelwood players were farmers of the area). However they got together in 1924 with a junior team (under 20) but they also finished last.

There was to be a 20 year gap in football for Hazelwood from 1925-1945 as they went into recess, their players drifting to other clubs.

After the Second World War, Hazelwood reformed and joined the Mid Gippsland Football League in 1946 along with Thorpdale, Yinnar, Morwell Bridge, Brown Coal Mine, Hill End, Morwell Seconds, Morwell Remnants, Boolarra and BCM Youth Club.

The 1950's was a golden time for Hazelwood, their maroon and white jumpers being proudly worn as they took out premierships in 1951 (d Thorpdale 7-12 to 7-6).

Best players were Davis, Crilly, Goodwin, Mitchell, Looby and Kesper. Under strange circumstances, it took the league three weeks to decide who won the Grand Final after Thorpdale lodged a protest over an alleged ineligible player. The protest was dismissed but it created a lot of ill feeling between Hazelwood and other clubs.

In 1952, under Kevin Davis as captain-coach they defeated Yallourn North 14-10 to 11-9 to take out their second flag. Best were Fitzclarence, Lambden, Attenborough, Derham, and Flanigan. 1953 was going to get better for Hazelwood as they kicked their highest score (34-37) and made it a three-peat defeating Yallourn North 9-8 to 3-10). During that time they amassed 54 successive wins, being undefeated in the 1952 and 1953 seasons.

In 1954 they were runners-up to Yinnar. A lot of their players left or got too old in the 1955 season and Hazelwood dropped back down the field to finish eighth out of eleven teams. It was 1964 before they could lead the ladder, they had gone through many lean years with poor performances. Coming into the Grand Final in 1964 they were outgunned by Yinnar and lost 12-18 to 12-12.

Not to be outdone they came back with a vengeance over the next two seasons. In 1965 they defeated Yinnar 13-16 to 9-21 with Thompson, Adams, Brereton, Buckley, Howes, Wilson and Knowles as best. They repeated that again in 1966 to take out the premiership with a win over Thorpdale 16-11 to 10-13. Best on the day were Brereton, Elwood, Hinkley, Munckton, Shanahan, Thompson and Anderson.

In 1971 after the

Churchill & District News establishment of the new town of Churchill on or near the site of the old Hazelwood football ground, the club made Gaskin Park their home moving from the former Hazelwood South ground. The club morphed into Hazelwood/Churchill. Gaskin Park was such a tremendous Football Association ground that the Mid Gippsland League made it a venue for many Grand Finals.

Hazelwood/Churchill made it to the Grand Finals in 1978 and 1979 but just couldn't get past Newborough and Morwell East. In 1981 the club took the bold step to drop the Hazelwood from their name; they changed from maroon and white to blue and white (kangaroos) and became known as just Churchill. Many of the old players were disappointed that the heritage of Hazelwood was now lost.

Churchill Football Club believed in doing things in doubles, as they took out the 1982 premiership with a bold headline from Ruckman in the Latrobe Valley Express "MGFL Massacre... Roos hop into Hillmen and how." defeating Hill End 24-23 to 8-10. Best were Dear, Pacunskis, Beevor, Greg Dear and Snell.

They took out the 1983 flag with Ruckman again giving a great headline "Bloods overpowered - Roos get vital break" when they defeated Trafalgar Football Association 11-11 to 9-16. Best were Kaiser, Russell, L Dear, J Dear, Read, Kelly. Senior coach Bruce Chalmers left and went to coach Trafalgar Football Association in 1984 taking the Bloods to a premiership. During their time in the MGFL the Hazelwood, Hazelwood/Churchill, Churchill Football club celebrated seven senior premiership, three reserves

March 16, 2017 - Page 11 and played a total of 702 matches of which they won 409 and included six drawn games. They scored 8029 goals at an average of 11.4 per game. Frank Satori took out the MGFL goalkicking in 1951 (50) and 1952 (32). Graham Cranwell in 1964 (41), 1966 (39) and 1967 (88). Steve Sanders took it out in 1983 (79). The club had many league best and fairest players which included Kevin Davis (1951-52), Bill Anderson (1962) Ken Jennings won triple medals in 1971-72 and 1973 and Peter Ludlow took out awards in 1975 and 1976. In the reserves Bill Bailey won their first award (Joe Redmond Medal) in 1968 with Peter Austin (1974), Ron Berry (1978), Steve Sanders (1981) and Col Brick (1982) also winning the best and fairest.

After many years of lobbying Churchill was admitted to the Latrobe Valley Football League in 1974. Their days in the LVFL were not too successful only winning 21 of their 196 matches in 11 seasons, finally the club decided a change of league would be a benefit and in 1995 they were admitted to the North Gippsland Football League where they have won many premierships and awards.

They changed to blue and gold and became known as the Cougars. Their success has been excellent with 18 premierships, seniors (4), reserves (6) and thirds (8). Sean Anwerth won the Sel Burley Medal in 1987 and Leigh McDonald followed that with wins in 2002 and 2007. Netball has played a big part in the success of the Churchill Football Netball Club with many of their teams taking out premierships in the various grades.

Churchill Town Safety Group



Reporting town problems

This month, we are looking at reporting problems around town that you may have noticed in your travels. Things like street lighting that is not working and graffiti on fences and street signs that become unreadable and in town road issues etc.

You can report various issues to Latrobe city on their Web site: www.latrobe.vic.gov.au and look for "Report an issue"

For the open highway, you can report various issues to Vic Roads on their Web site www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

au/traffic-and-road-use/report-a-road-issue

Last but not least, you can report street light issues to Ausnet on their email address streetlight@ausnetservices.com.au

The Churchill Town Safety Group are continually looking for safety issues to report so that our town is safer for all who live here and travel through it.

Alternatively, you can report any safety issues direct to us on our email address ctsgrp@gmail.com

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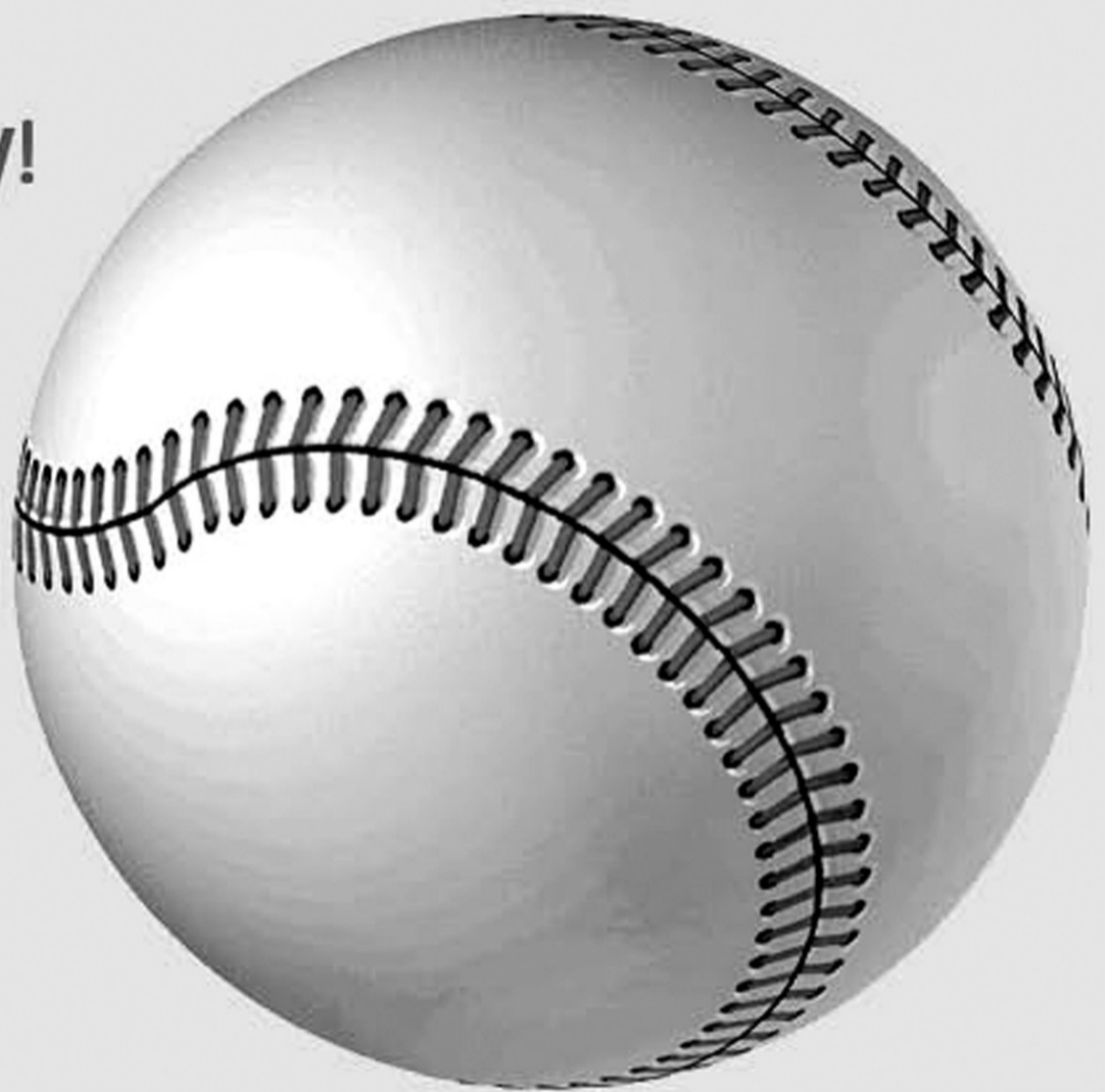
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A new year begins at Federation University



Life at university has started for hundreds of students at Federation University Australia's Gippsland Campus. Churchill welcomed new students from across Gippsland and beyond, with Orientation Week (O-Week) activities setting the scene for a busy first semester in 2017. O-Week activities included market stalls, barbecues, campus tours and sports events.

"On behalf of the University I welcome all of our new students and wish them the best during their time here at FedUni," Professor Andy Smith, Acting Vice-Chancellor said.

"The beginning of the year provides the perfect opportunity for our new students to socialise, make new friends and embrace university life".

Since the formation of FedUni in 2014, the Gippsland Campus has seen a growing range of courses



offered, with new programs in engineering, health, outdoor and physical education, early childhood education, and an expanded range of science and information technology degrees, to name a few. The most popular study areas continue to be in the fields of nursing and education.

As part of their start at FedUni, new students are provided with a number of transition and support services, including a student mentor program, group study and academic support sessions, careers and employment advice, counselling, financial services, and the opportunity to take part in an extensive social and sporting events calendar.

More information about Federation University Australia is available at

federation.edu.au or by calling 1800 333 864.

Centre for Gippsland Studies program for 2017

Federation University Australia's Centre for Gippsland Studies has launched its program for 2017 and is encouraging members of the public to connect with the centre, and take part in a series of events that are planned. A new events website has been launched at federation.edu.au/cgsevents where you can learn about upcoming sessions and register your interest. The Centre provides a range of great opportunities to access the Gippsland Studies Collection, speak to local historians and researchers, and to hear from guest presenters throughout the year.



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Admission: \$8.00
Door Prize
Supper supplied



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Churchill and District Lion's Market

Market Roundup

The 350's entertained the market crowd with a selection of rhythm and blues music.

This group was established in 2012 when the guys got together and decided to form an ensemble. The band is all from the local area and have been playing around the local region at Traralgon, Morwell market and at the Boolarra Folk Festival.

They hope to return this month.

The Gippsland Historical Automobile Club Latrobe Valley branch put on a display of approximately ten old cars.

The club was formed to 'foster the preservation of historic motor vehicles, motor cycles, tractors and stationary engines.'

Vehicles have to be 25 years or older. These vehicles were beautifully turned out, shining in every way.

Many people stopped to look, take photos and talk to the owners of the vehicles.

The group also go out for coffee mornings and social outings such as to Mill Valley Ranch, a way for people to get together who have a passion for old cars.

For more information you



can contact the group at:
Latrobe Valley Branch of
GHAC
PO Box 1208
Morwell
Email: lvghac@gmail.com



Band members: Ralf Koss, Peter Gray, Rob Boothman.

Jo Jo the clown has started visiting our Churchill Markets to help add colour to our day and also to help promote her company's jumping castle.

She not only engaged our attention by bowling a large polka dot ball, but also toured the shopping precinct by bicycle to encourage others to attend.

We all enjoyed her visit and look forward to seeing her again soon.



While we're upgrading our facilities, we're still here for you.

Some services are still available while works are underway at our community health centre at 20-24 Philip Parade, Churchill.

You can still see a doctor, a psychologist, be assessed for services or apply for emergency relief.

When our centre is completed in late 2017, it will feature a dental prosthetics laboratory, student learning centre, and more health services.

Thank you for your patience.

For more information about services at Latrobe Community Health Service, visit www.lchs.com.au or phone 1800 242 696.





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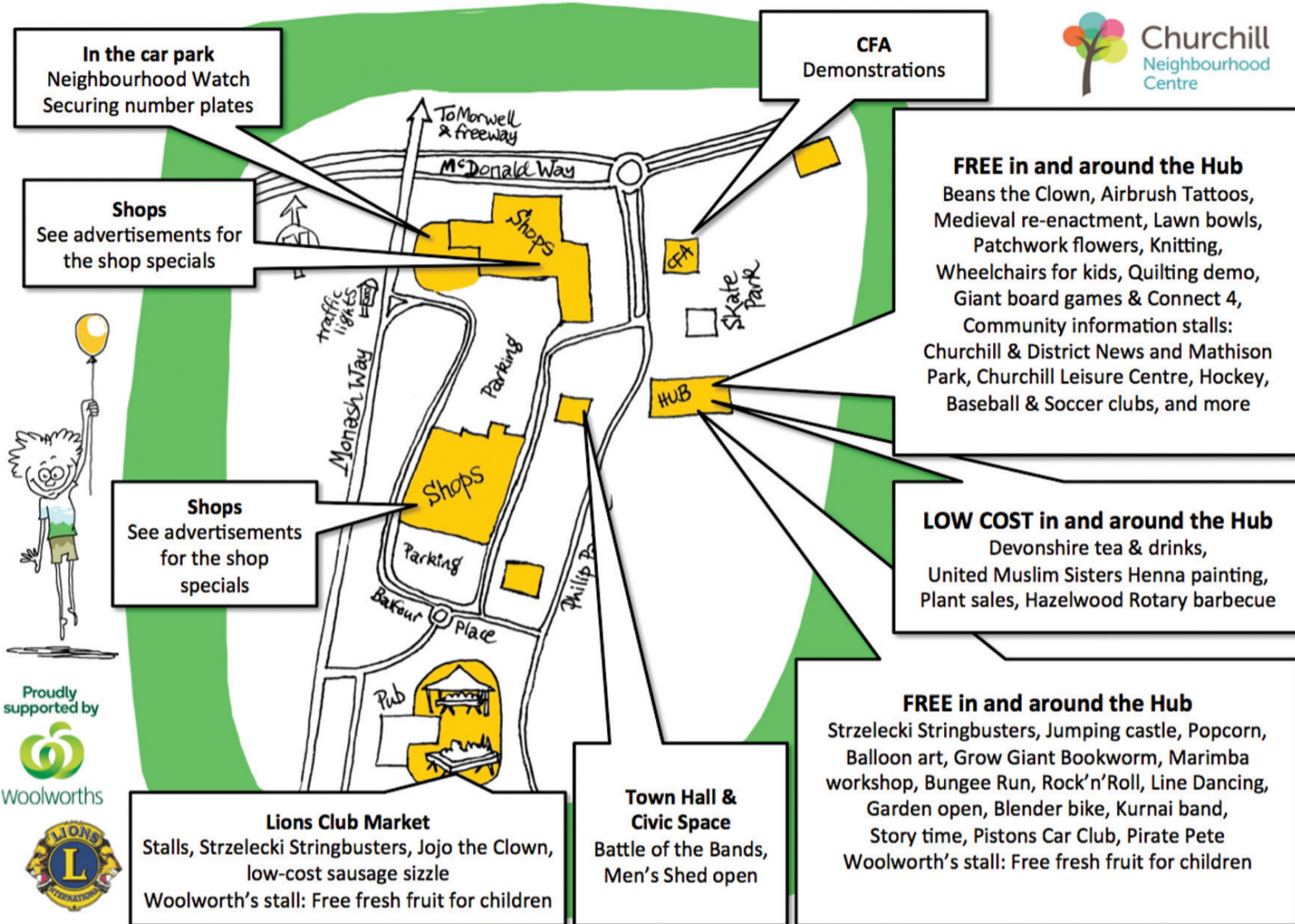
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Timetable for Churchill Community Festival March 18, 2017

Lions Market
8.30am - 1.30pm Lions Market

The Hub Area
Kurnai Bands 10.30 am - 11.15 am

Battle of the Bands run by Headspace.
In the Town Hall 11.00 am - 2.00 pm.

Churchill Fire Brigade
11.00 am - 2.00 pm.

Medieval Re-enactment
11.00 am First Demo (30minutes)
Game Type – Banner Plant
11.45 am Second Demo (30minutes)
(New players training offered for this session to play in next demo)
Game Type – Assassination
12.30 pm Third Demo (30Minutes) (New

players training offered for this session to play in next demo)
Game Type – Double Base Capture (Capture the Flag)
1.15 pm Last Demo (30 Minutes)
Game Type – Total Annihilation

Storytime for the children
will be held in the Library between 10.30 am -1.30 pm.

Beans the Clown
Beans will be at Hub area between 11.00 am -1pm.

Line Dancing Demonstration
in the Neighbourhood Centre carpark at 11.15 am - 11.45 am.

Rock 'n' Roll Dancing
12 noon -12.30 pm

Strzelecki Stringbusters
playing in the space outside the Hub entrance between 12.30 pm -1.15 pm

All other activities around the Hub area will be available from 10.30 am - 2.00 pm.

The Shops

Lifeline Op Shop
Open Saturday March 18
9.30 am-12.30 pm

Hazelwood Health 10.00 am-2.00 pm

Churchill Newsagency
10.00 am-2.00 pm

New Churchill Motors
11.00 am-1.00pm

Vintage C'hill open until 2.00 pm

A mother's room will be available in the Hub

Latrobe Community Health Service welcomes new doctor

Drouin's Significant Tree Register



already feels a difference living in a relaxed and quiet environment compared to the chaotic inner city suburbs.

Dr Perera has already settled into the community, with her son attending a local childcare centre.

Outside of her work as a doctor, Dr Perera loves being a mum to her young son and has a passion for cooking.

Having come from Sri Lanka, traditional Sri Lankan dishes are her favourite to prepare.

Latrobe Community Health Service Churchill GP clinic remains open to the public for appointments while the redevelopment of the 20-24 Philip Parade site is carried out.

When the redevelopment of the site is completed, the facility will house three dental surgeries, two podiatry rooms, two physiotherapy rooms, community meeting rooms and a dental prosthetics laboratory.

Dr Perera is full time at the Churchill clinic. Appointments with Dr Perera – or any Latrobe Community Health Service doctor – are available by calling 1800 424 696. Online bookings are also available at www.lchs.com.au.

Latrobe Community Health Service has welcomed Doctor Thanuja Perera as the newest doctor at its Churchill GP Clinic.

Dr Perera moved to Australia in 2004 where she began her career as a general practitioner.

Prior to her move to Australia, Dr Perera completed her medical degree in Russia where she learnt to speak Russian as her third

language after Sinhalese and English.

With over 12 years of experience, Dr Perera comes with a wealth of knowledge.

She has a keen interest in skin dermatology and general surgery.

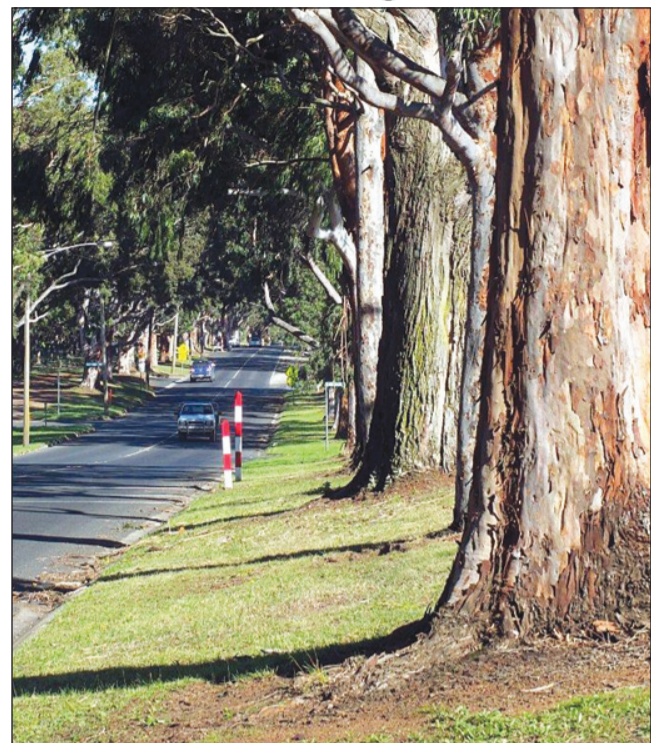
"I am most looking forward to contributing to the community as a GP and getting to know my clients on a personal level," said Dr Perera.

Having worked previously in hospitals, Dr Perera is looking forward to the opportunity to work closely in a tightknit community.

"I'm really excited to make a difference to the lives of those living in Churchill," she said.

Dr Perera recently relocated to the Gippsland area.

It is her first time living in a regional area, where she



Photograph: Main South Rd Drouin by Peter Ware

"Drouin's Significant Tree Register" is the discussion topic at the Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists' Club meeting on Friday, March 24.

Judy Farmer and Peter Ware will explain the purpose of the project that has produced the register - how it evolved, the groups involved and what has been achieved so far.

Trees, considered valuable to the community, are being identified by members of the Friends of Drouin's Trees who

are consulting with the Baw Baw Council staff regarding the care of these trees.

The meeting and presentation is from 7.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Old Sale Road and Chamberlain Road, Newborough.

The following day's excursion is to Drouin.

Visitors are most welcome to both activities; there is no charge.

For more information phone 0428 422 461.



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Friends of Morwell National Park

John's Jottings

This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced and edited from early Newsletter files.

"April 1988

The Roche family, with Margaret, drove down into the Park from Jumbuk Road reporting the fact that they had seen three koalas

along the road down into the creek. The rest of us walked into the Park, with Ken giving occasional comment about several points of noteworthy interest. Ken had recently entered the Park and had noted two rails flying in the undergrowth, but is not sure what particular kind they were. All the same, Ken had some other finds for the day.

Three more first-recordings for Billys Creek area, and probably for Morwell National Park:

Calystegia marginata (Forest Bindweed, a native), Callitriche stagnalis (Water Starwort) and Picris echioides (Ox-tongue), both weeds.

On arriving at the proposed (inner) picnic

area, we held our first ever "Special General Meeting" in a tent set up to protect us from the rain. Later, Ian, Neil and I removed an old cable that spanned the Creek.

Afternoon tea followed, with most of the group returning by foot. Neil and I had the privilege of riding up the road to

Jumbuk Road on the back of Ian's truck. It was a magnificent ride despite the poor road and the steepness of the road - especially the hairpin bends! The views down into Billys Creek and across to the other ridges opposite (with the old Camp) are worth seeing. I would recommend a walk up the road sometime, but be prepared for a steep track and allow for a casual walk of up to an hour. The views are worth it, despite the steep track.

We must pass our congratulations on to Frank Carter who has just gained a position with the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, working in a pine forest at a place near Tallangatta in NE Victoria. Frank should be starting this new position by the end of April. Persistence has paid off!

Ken Harris was nominated to replace Frank Carter as Vice President/Activities Organiser until the AGM.

Our next Project Day will be Frank's last to organise, with a 10am start on April 10. The main activities for the day are collecting any rubbish, removing and repairing bridges along the Billys Creek area."

Minutes signed by Peter Bryant.

February Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Peter, Wendy, Grant, Wayne, Beryl, Rose, Tamara, John and Darren. We had apologies from Mike, Cathy and Ranger Shane. Ken also joined the group for the meeting before the activity started.

The Junior Ranger program has been running in the Park with five activities over the month. The Flora Explorers activity ran around Foster's Gully while the Mini-beasts program has investigated Billys Creek. Some details of the Junior Rangers program are given opposite.

In the day's activity the

group split into two. Matt, Tamara, Peter, Wendy, Grant and Wayne travelled to the base of Blue Gum Hill to slash the track. They used the brush cutters and hedge trimmer to clear the nettles and other weeds from the track, so that now walkers can safely travel to the top of Blue Gum Hill.

The other group of John, Rose, Beryl and Darren travelled to the first bridge across Billys Creek and entered the creek to remove weeds. Working downstream, many large tussocks were found and removed. A large quantity of berries was also removed. Also found in the creek was a yabby trap and a kangaroo skeleton.

Although this was our February activity, we had rain throughout. At different times during the morning, it drizzled and occasionally it rained more heavily. The groups met after the Blue Gum Hill track was cleared and the whole group retired to the car park for lunch. After a wet lunch the group left for home.

March Activity

Sunday March 19.

Activity 1 - 10.00am - Junction Road Carpark

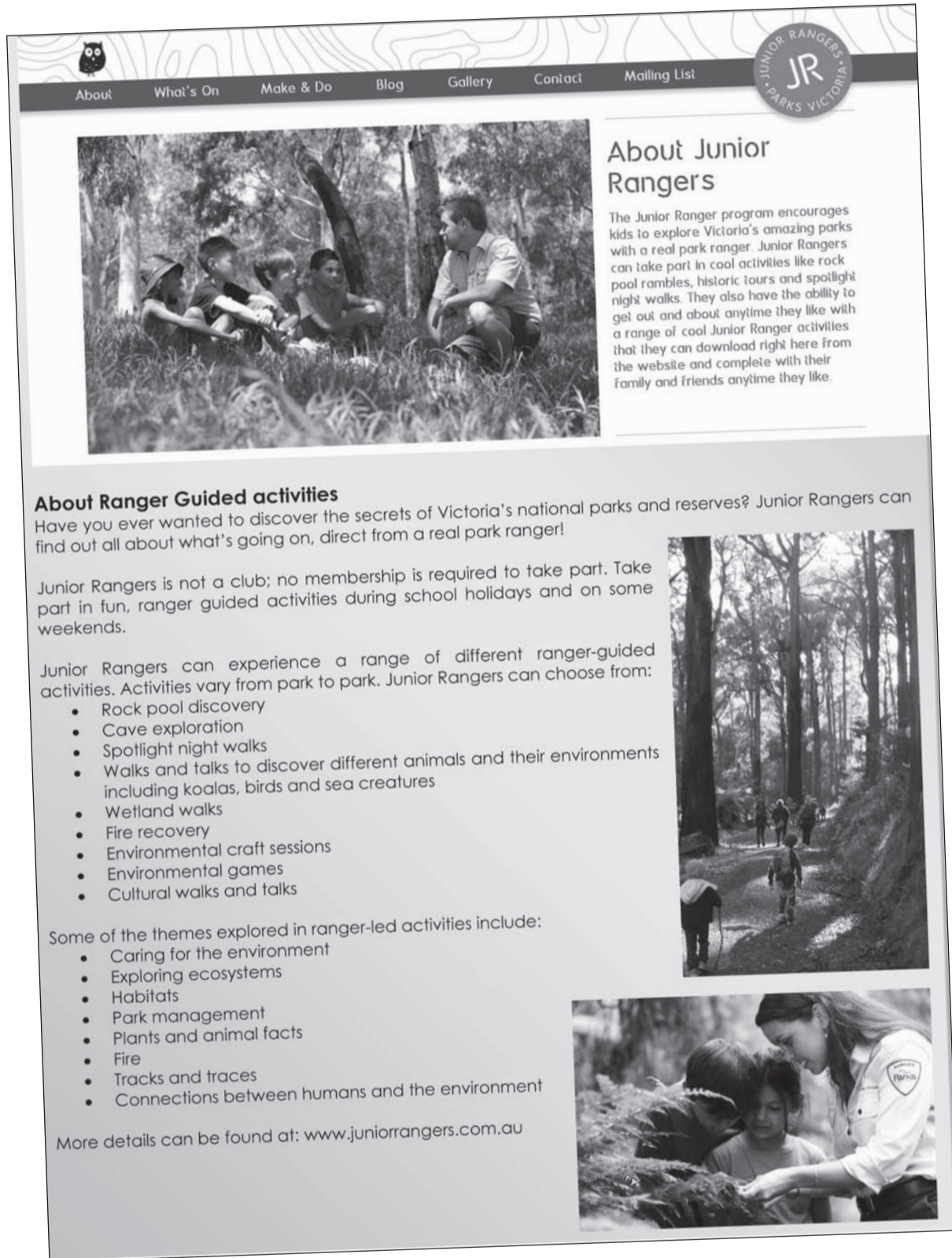
We will meet in the Junction Road carpark to decide upon the track maintenance and/or weeding we will undertake.

For this activity you will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

Activity 2 - 5.30pm - Kerry Road Picnic Area

The group will meet in the Kerry Road picnic area for a BBQ, spot light walk and moth survey. You will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the evening outdoors and the weather conditions. For the BBQ, a seat, torch, cutlery, plates, drink, etc. would be very useful.

You can come for one or both activities.



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About Junior Rangers

The Junior Ranger program encourages kids to explore Victoria's amazing parks with a real park ranger. Junior Rangers can take part in cool activities like rock pool rambles, historic tours and spotlight night walks. They also have the ability to get out and about anytime they like with a range of cool Junior Ranger activities that they can download right here from the website and complete with their family and friends anytime they like.

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Junior Rangers can experience a range of different ranger-guided activities. Activities vary from park to park. Junior Rangers can choose from:

- Rock pool discovery
- Cave exploration
- Spotlight night walks
- Walks and talks to discover different animals and their environments including koalas, birds and sea creatures
- Wetland walks
- Fire recovery
- Environmental craft sessions
- Environmental games
- Cultural walks and talks

Some of the themes explored in ranger-led activities include:

- Caring for the environment
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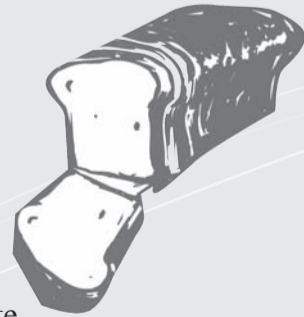
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Twilight delight for Sister Cities Festival



Latrobe City Council's annual Sister Cities Festival will take place from 6pm to 10pm on Friday April 7 in the parkland adjacent to the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon.

The twilight format was a great success last year and this year's event promises once again to shine a light on a variety of Asian arts

and culture. Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan, said the event had built a reputation for inclusion over the years.

"The Sister Cities Festival is a highlight on our calendar for those interested in a cultural experience.

Through music, food, dance, drumming and arts, the event is a way to connect with

our sister cities in Takasago, Japan and Taizhou, China.

The evening setting allows workers and families who want to spend a relaxed few hours browsing stalls, watching the displays and demonstrations and taking part in the creative activities," Councillor O'Callaghan said.

"The Festival provides community members with

an opportunity to immerse themselves in a culture that is so often seen as removed from our own. Whilst some aspects may seem a little exotic, there are many other facets that unite us as human beings - arts, dance and music. Come along for a taste of China, Japan and friendship," Councillor O'Callaghan concluded.

\$1.2 million for arts in regional and rural areas

Artists, cultural organisations and community groups in Gippsland have been encouraged to apply for a slice of \$1.2 million in Federal Government grants.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester said the Festivals Australia grants program supported high quality arts and cultural programs in regional and remote areas.

"There's no doubt of the calibre of our arts sector and local festivals in Gippsland," Mr Chester said. "The Festivals Australia

grants support our artists and community organisations to further enrich cultural life in our region.

It's also a great chance to secure additional financial support for those who are working on arts projects or significant one-off local celebrations that encourage community participation and audience engagement.

I encourage individuals and organisations in Gippsland to apply for this funding to bring a wider range of cultural events here. Activities can include

parades, performances, workshops, installations, or exhibitions held as part of a festival or a significant one-off community event."

Minister for the Arts, Senator Mitch Fifield said the Festivals Australia grants would improve access to arts and cultural events for those living outside major cities.

"Arts and cultural activities are an important way to bring communities together, celebrate diversity and promote a sense of community identity," Senator Fifield said.

"This program helps organisations to deliver events in regional and remote areas and encourages community participation in arts projects outside of our major cities."

This competitive grants round is one of two funding rounds available each year through the Department of Communications and the Arts.

Applications close on Friday March 24.

For more information, visit: arts.gov.au/festivals.

Science in Parks Award



Applications are now open for the 2017 Nancy Millis Science in Parks Award.

The award recognises outstanding projects that foster excellence in applied science and benefit park management.

Now in its fourth year, the award honours the late Professor Nancy Millis who was a strong advocate for Parks Victoria's work and Chair of the organisation's Science and Management Effectiveness Advisory Committee.

Parks Victoria Director of Environment and Science, Dr Mark Norman, said that science plays a crucial role in park management and will help protect these places in the future.

"Caring for our parks is a complex task that involves many challenges including climate change, population increases and threats such as invasive plants and animals.

We need innovative solutions and a good scientific understanding of how best to

tackle these issues. Science is helping us to make really informed decisions about how best to care for these important natural environments and where to focus our efforts," he said.

Last year's award went to a comprehensive research study on how plants, animals and their habitats respond to and recover from fire. The ten-year collaborative research project led by La Trobe and Deakin University was singled out for its outstanding contribution to understanding how best to manage protected areas and their resilience.

Applications close on April 12, 2017 at 5 pm and the winner will be announced on World Environment Day on June 5, 2017.

Application forms can be downloaded at: parkweb.vic.gov.au/about-us/science-award

For further information call Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or email Science.Award@parks.vic.gov.au

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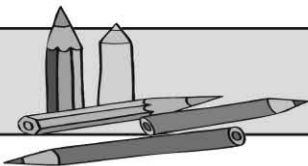
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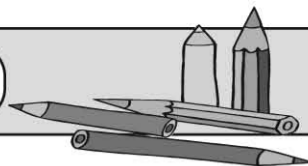
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Churchill Primary



Teamwork

Using their creative minds and collaborative skills our Grade 3/4 students had a great time building shelters as part of an indigenous study unit. They came up with some very dynamic and exciting creations! Awesome effort!!

Marshmallow Challenge

3/4W took on the marshmallow tower challenge! They had 20 pieces of dry spaghetti, 60cm of masking tape and 1m of string. Structures were not

allowed to be taped to the table and the marshmallow height was measured from the base of the structure to where the marshmallow sat.

Athletics Sports Day

We had a wonderful Sports Day recently and it all went off without a hitch!

The students looked great in their house colours and many went to great lengths to colour hair and faces to cheer their teams on. It was also fantastic to see so many parents and families also

dressing in house colours to support their kids.

The high spirit of the day was very evident and all participants ran, cheered and supported each other with Red House being our final winners. Congratulations to all the Houses for your wonderful sportsmanship and respect for each other on the day and the House Captains who did a wonderful job - we are very proud of your efforts.

Special Assembly for Student Leaders

On Monday February 27, we were fortunate to have two special guests at our school assembly to celebrate our Student Leaders and present their badges. Mr Russell Northe MP and Mr Kevin Mealing Senior Education Leader, were on hand to present our student leaders with their badges, and speak to our assembly about the importance of the roles these fabulous students are taking

on this year.

These students were chosen by their peers to bring student voice to many of the decisions made at school that impact them, to represent our school at community events throughout the year and to be part of our Student Representative Council. Our House Captains and our Student Representative Council were also presented with their badges and spoke to Mr Northe and Mr Mealing about being a leader and what

behaviours they use to get the job done.

It was a very exciting morning and our School Captains will be writing a letter of thanks on behalf of our school community to Mr Northe and Mr Mealing for their time and commitment to our school on this day.

Congratulations to all our wonderful student leaders. We are proud of you and look forward to seeing what you can accomplish throughout the year.



House Captains Kayla S, Bailey C, Alex N, Hayley K, Stella V, Mitchell B, Nicholas M and Jordan G with Mr Russell Northe.



Our Prep students Molly M, Tyson M, and Jack T had a great time at their first school sports day.



Collaborative minds working together to create some amazing shelters

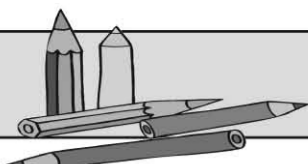


Mr Russell Northe, Mrs Susan Gilmore, Mr Kevin Mealing, and school leaders Blake B, Ryder L, Savannah L and Oriana D.

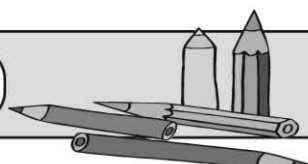


Students Jarves W and Ryleigh H are ready to race!

School News



Churchill North Primary



Buddies

A couple of weeks ago our Grade 5/6S found out who our buddy was from P/1K. It has been great getting to learn all about our buddies. I especially enjoy teaching my buddy Marcus how to use the library. We have had opportunities to do some really fun games. We played at the little kid's playground, then we played with other children too. Every day I sit down and have recess with

lesson was to remember the swimming skills we learnt last year. In our groups we did torpedo dives, back stroke and practised picking up a sinking object. There are three different swimming groups that happen while we have swimming. One group concentrates on skills in the shallow end, another group works with Miss Backhausen in the deep end and the last group works on freestyle. Most of the students prefer

year and they have begun the year finding out about their teacher, their new classroom, the school and of course their new classmates. Some of their comments about school are: "I like the computers and our class Ted", Shilah. "I like making lots of new friends", Chloe. "I like the playground", Mia. "I like the fun games we play", Hunter. "I like making new friends", Zoey. We are all looking forward to seeing them grow and develop in their confidence and learning this year.

Swimming

For the next six weeks our Grade 5/6 class will go swimming. We have two swimming instructors, their names are Miss Backhausen and Miss Lugton. There are three swimming groups, one with Miss Lugton, one with Miss Backhausen and one with our teacher.

Miss Lugton and Miss Backhausen teach people how to swim, with our classroom teacher we get to have free time. When we have free time, only the strong swimmers are allowed at the deep end. We have lots of fun at swimming.

By Sophie 5/6X

Web of Connections

Both of the Grade 3/4 classes at Churchill North Primary school have made a web of connections. This web shows how the different children in the grade are connected.

Everybody in the 3/4 grades is connected in some way as well as sharing connections within the school. This makes our learning fun.

By Stevie 3/4 Clarke



Grade 5/6s enjoying the swimming

Grade 3/4 Connections web



Buddies Dylan and Marcus

Marcus. He enjoys it and so do I. I love my buddy because he listens to instructions. All the Grade 5/6s have buddies from the Grade Prep/1s. The 5/6s really need their buddies too.

By Dylan 5/6 S

Swimming

On February 17, Grade 5/6X went to the Churchill Leisure Centre swimming pool. As we are Grade 5/6's we walk. When we got there our swimming

the freestyle group because they can do swimming tricks, as long as they are safe and sometimes you get to go in the deep end for free time. Everyone is looking forward to the next swimming lesson on February 24.

Gabby 5/6 X

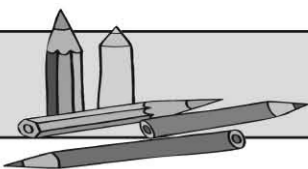
New Faces

2017 is off to a great start for this year's new Prep enrolments at Churchill North Primary School. Thirty-one new preps have started this

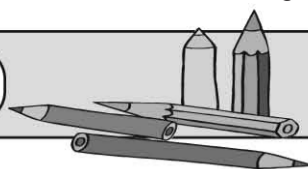


Prep children enjoying the play equipment

School News



Hazelwood North Primary



My Detailed Food Alphabet

At Hazelwood North Primary School our home work was to create a healthy food alphabet poster. I was excited to start this task and wanted to put in lots of effort. I wanted to improve my skills and knowledge. My new learning from this was that a Xigua is a black watermelon. I thought that this was a normal watermelon, because Xigua is watermelon in Chinese.

My poster has a lot of detail. At the corner of my poster I have extra information, also on the back I have pictures from my Nan's cookbooks. I then added my ideas to my poster with the cookbooks ideas on what fresh and healthy eating is.

I added phrases into my learning like 'don't judge a book by its cover'. This was designed to make people try new things.

I made a draft then looked in cookbooks, made another draft, next I made a final copy. When making a final copy I placed the pictures and phrases into little groups. Once I was happy with my poster I started to stick pictures on.

After this I did my alphabet chart, I researched in books and asked my Nan.

She grows lots of vegetables, and she also owns STACKS of cookbooks to help our research.

I found some things I didn't know what they were, so I researched and wrote that on my poster too. After I finished I looked over my poster and added more pictures and more writing. I also tried to make it stand out more with little round circles of confetti. I glued my pictures together afterwards.

I made the writing very neat and easy to read by writing in pencil first, then going over it with colour. I tried to make it VERY bright and colourful as this attracts people's eyes. I learnt this from my experiences in the shop. I always get attracted to the packets with colour. By colour I mean very bright vibrant colours that have lots of colourful pictures.

To complete this task it took me 20 minutes to complete my two drafts, 10 minutes to research, then one hour and 30 minutes to finish my final copy. In total it took me two hours to do this homework task.

I really did enjoy this homework, I hope I can do a poster like this very soon. I would like to thank my

teachers and my family!

By Maddison Salmon
GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People) Student Leadership Conference

On February 24, Ben, Jackson, Drew, Corey and Jasmine went to Melbourne on the train at 6:06 for the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Convention Centre. It was all about how to be a good leader and how to make your school a better place. Not just your school but what you can do for the community.

First it was session 1 which was about leading in the land of Zootopia. We learnt that responsibility in leadership means accepting the duty to contribute to others and follow through on expectations. Every leader has the ability to respond intentionally, leadership is not about using a position, but rather about using strengths. Leaders need to know their own strengths, own weaknesses, other strengths and character strengths. No person is strong at everything, but a team is strong at everything.

Next, we had session 2, which had two big ideas, which was the four expectations of responsibility

and generating ideas that are outside the box. We learnt that responsibility in leadership means accepting the duty to contribute to others and follow through on expectations. We can display responsibility in four key ways: role-modelling values, upholding trust of others, responding to needs and developing own strengths. Ideas we discussed were using a brick as a doorstop or a paperweight. On wet days in the schoolyard, you can go inside and play computers, board games, technology, finish off schoolwork, make gifts for our teachers, make teddy bears for sick and help kids in sport.

Finally, we had session 3, which was about turning ideas into action. We made an acrostic poem to help us remember what to do to turn an idea into action.

A was agree on an idea,
C was create a proposal,
T was talk widely,
I was identify tasks,
O was organise roles
N was navigate challenges.

Our first proposal was to help the junior school in games. This was a good idea because it would make better relationships with classmates. This should take place every

Wednesday all around the school, depending on what we decide for sport. All Grade 6s will pair up and have a group of kids.

Soon we finished the leadership course at 2:30pm. We caught the train home at the Southern Cross Station to Morwell and had an early nights sleep.

School swimming

On Tuesday February 14, Malachi, Harry, Riese, Claire, Allira, Shanae, Kayla and Cooper went to Churchill leisure pool for the school swimming.

The events were freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and relay.

The schools were Hazelwood North, Yinnar, Boolarra and other schools.

I don't know who won but we all had good fun.

In freestyle I felt nervous because I didn't know what the temperature was in the water (Malachi).

In backstroke I felt nervous and it was funny when I got in the pool. I didn't hear the whistle. (Harry).

Some of our students are going to the next round and we wish them good luck.

By Harry and Malachi.

Yinnar and district swimming sports

On Tuesday February 14 we went to Churchill Leisure Centre. The Grades 3 to 6 went to the Yinnar and District Swimming Sports.

We went to represent Hazelwood North Primary School. The volunteers that were representing our school were Kayla, Harry, Shanae, Claire, Allira, Cooper, Riese and Malachi.

The events were backstroke, freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke; the people who got through were Kayla, Harry and Cooper - they will go to the Traralgon pool.

We competed against Yinnar, Churchill, Boolarra and other schools in our area.

I felt nervous when I was doing breaststroke because I heard many people shouting. By the time I got to the end I look around and no one was there. Then I looked behind and I figured out that I was first.

At the end, everyone was very happy about each other and that Hazelwood North Primary School got through.

By Shanae and Kayla

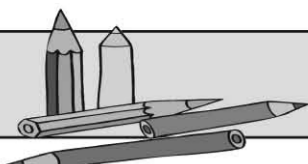


Hazelwood North Swim Team
Absent: Cooper and Rhys

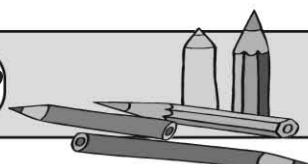


Maddison's posters

School News



Kurnai College University Campus



School Captains introduced

Sophia Patikisa and Blake Woodman have been selected by their peers to be the University Campus School Captains. Along with other representatives they will also form the Student Representative Council (SRC).

Matt Woodhouse is the teacher assigned to supervise the SRC.

Matt's brief is to try to have the student voice heard more in the college, and for that voice to be heard, noted and acted upon.

The principals would like to be able to hand more responsibility to the students.

Matt is there to guide and use his own skills in leadership to help enact the things which need to be done.

For example, signage to make it clearer where venues are located etc, and to help run events which entail the whole campus, and stressless days each term end.

Matt will guide in the background. This is Matt's first year in this job.

He is enthusiastic and wants to see progress. It

is a career experience in leadership and a chance to pass on his skills to the students.

Sophia wants all the students to know she values each one; not just the confident ones but all students.

She wants them to know she will listen to their views and do her best to address their needs. To be seen as approachable for all students in VCE and VCAL is her goal. Sophia is excited about her role, saying she thinks this will be a good year; that improvements have already occurred. An SRC/study balance will need to be kept, but Matt sees this as part of his role.

Blake's goal is to make the campus a safe, comfortable enjoyable place for all students so they feel valued, respected and accepted.

He sees the university campus SRC as an example, leading the way for the Junior school to follow, as they have whole campus meetings to discuss and organise the entire annual program.

2016 VCE Results

Kurnai University

Campus can boast the best State school ATAR scores for this area with five students reaching a score in the 90s.

Dux of the campus was Viola Xu with a score of 98.45.

The campus principals are very happy with the overall results, commenting that the opportunities for mentoring, tutoring and study accessed by the students in 2016, paid dividends and they are hoping this year's cohort will avail themselves likewise.

To prepare the students for the exam system, teachers spend a few weeks tutoring them on how best to approach the exams, as they have not had to sit exams prior to this in their school life.

Year 10 VCAL Class a first.

VCAL is usually applied to Year 11 and 12 students, but it has been determined that the program would be beneficial to those in Year 10 who manage better with a different form of learning which this course provides.

Seventeen students from Churchill and Morwell have been selected to be involved. They had to be nominated by

their teachers, sit an interview, and have their parents involved in accepting this different pathway of real world, hands on learning application. This class is taking place at the senior campus.

Being thus chosen and located, they are being treated as adults and they appreciate the responsibilities of being on the University campus and the responsibility of making their own choices.

The staff is thrilled with the students' response, saying they have risen to the challenge; their attendance record has improved greatly; they appreciate the style of learning and accomplishment which in turn has given them success and heightened self-esteem.

It is a chance also for them to engage with the local community and so one day a week they have a placement.

So far they have spent time at the Morwell Tennis Club where they have fixed a few things, done some weeding and built a sandpit. This has given the students a feeling of self - worth and achievement. During these activities they

learn about issues like OH&S, Worksafe and gain practical knowledge.

The VCAL staff would love to hear from local organisations which would like some help from these students with projects they have. You can contact Daniel Murphy on 5132 3800.

These students are also required to do a VET (Vocational Education and Training) course (Certificate 1 in employment) and continue on into Year 11.

There have been lots of positives from the new program. Each week Daniel contacts the parents (who are most supportive of the initiative) and their feedback is very enthusiastic.

VCAL co-ordinator Nicole Carder says that the students have been very brave to embark on this brand new program, but she is very pleased with progress so far. The students are participating in the cafe, showing initiative and independence, filling gaps in their knowledge and making themselves valued members of the campus and the community.

Life skills and knowledge are a special part of the course with teaching about conflict resolution, use of credit cards, how to save, and how to read a pay slip included. This course matches life skills with academic knowledge, so the students know why they are learning and all the good spin off that goes with that.

Swimming Carnival

The college held its annual swimming carnival at the Moe outdoor pool on Thursday February 16.

A few hundred students and staff attended what turned out to be a fantastic day. The day started cool but soon heated up enough for everyone to want to jump in and enjoy the cool water.

As soon as the BBQ started and the aroma went out, the hungry hoards began lining up. By the end of the day over 900 sausages had been consumed.

It is on days such as this when we meet up as one college, that they see what Kurnai College is made up of - great staff, terrific kids having a great day together.



Top left: VCAL Year 10 students

Top right: VCAL Students at work at Morwell Tennis Club

Middle left: School Captains Blake Woodman (left) and Sophia Patikisa (right) with teacher Matt Woodhouse in charge of Student Representative Council

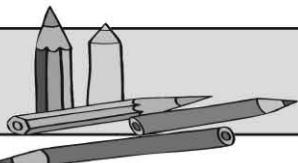
Above: Viola Xu dux of Year 12

Left: VCAL students at work

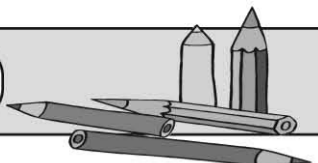
Right: Uni Campus students at the swimming



School News



Churchill Preschools



Hub Preschool

The children at the Hub Preschool have had an enjoyable start to their preschool year.

They have been learning how to respond to the needs of others as well as their own. Recently a sequence of learning led to the entire class interacting and being interested in the project.

From a child-generated

topic, the whole class participated in creating picture and word lists. The children then shared items from home with the class.

Being a Sunsmart preschool, the children are encouraged to remember to apply sunscreen and put on a hat before playing outside.

Glendonald Preschool

The children at

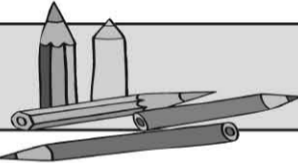
Glendonald have settled extremely well, adjusting to their new routines and making friendships.

They have been investigating the indoor and outdoor spaces and have been giving all of the activities a try.

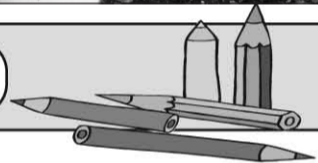
It's been great seeing everyone arrive with a big smile on their face.



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Yinnar South Playgroup



Wise Little Owls Playgroup

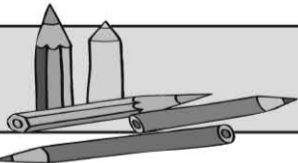
Over the last few weeks our gorgeous little owls have made fruit animals and experimented with chalk and water painting. This playgroup has been designed to complement the school's vision that focuses on individual holistic development in a flexible, vibrant and dynamic learning environment.

We aim to provide an environment where children

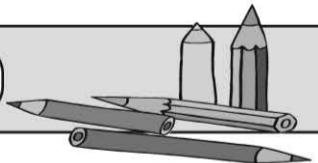
learn through play. We will offer opportunities for children to play freely and explore the world through nature, art, their senses and health and well-being activities. We value children and parents/caregivers, recognising the importance of parenting and being gentle and respectful to ourselves, our children and others. Wednesdays 9.15-11.15. Contact the school on 5169 1540 for more information.



School News



Yinnar South Primary



New preps

Our little school keeps on growing

Yinnar South Primary School continues to grow bigger every year while still retaining our small school approach to individualised learning opportunities.

We have nine new students (six Preps) this year which brings us to 31 students. This growth is very exciting and with steady enrolments anticipated (siblings and friends) we will continue to grow.

This year we have three classroom teachers (home groups) plus our teaching principal. We also have educational support staff and a part-time chaplain - a great adult to child ratio.

Junior Leadership Team

We encourage our students to develop genuine leadership skills by providing authentic opportunities for them to develop these skills. All students are given the opportunity to lead.

Twice a week we

have student led learning community meetings which we encourage parents to attend.

Additional Funding

It has been announced that the school will be receiving an additional \$70,000 for school improvements which is wonderful.

This will further complement our recent new buildings.

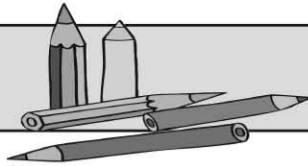
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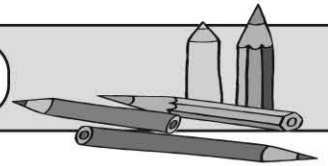
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School News



Boolarra Primary



Congratulations to our longest serving staff member, Ms Karen Twomey, on the award she received at the Boolarra Australia Day ceremony. This was in recognition of the work undertaken organising artwork for Railway Park, Australia Day ceremonies and the Boolarra Welcome Pack as well as helping out with the Boolarra Art Show.

School pool
Parent Lisa Grant coordinates the pool upkeep with assistance from Mia and Oscar's Mum Eloise Porter and Dad, Brent O'Brien, Quin and Ruby's Mum, Kath Aveling and Tahlee and Lilly's Mum, Linda Coney. They have done a sensational job getting the pool ready for action - our students have certainly enjoyed cooling off in the pool!

New students
This year we welcomed ten prep students; they all made an incredibly smooth transition. We are also delighted to have Kaylea of Grade 2 and Travis of Grade 6 join us. We hope that they all enjoy being part of our learning community.

Welcome get together
To provide an opportunity for us all to meet and greet new families, we held a Welcome Gathering in Boolarra Memorial Park. Many of our families attended to see our School Council Vice President, Kirra Enders present our 2017 student leaders with their badges of office

2017 Student leaders
School Captains: Samantha and Meila along with Deputy Elise, who, with the help of all the Grade

6 students, manage our assemblies on Monday as well as other jobs.

Junior School Council:
President - Ruby (Grade 5), Vice President and Photographer - Elise, Minutes Secretary - Niamh, Treasurer - Tom, Agenda Secretary - Aleasha, Laminator - Angus (Grade 5), Photographer - Quin. Our Junior School Council decides the good causes we will support and discusses issues raised by students from Prep to Grade 6.

House Captains: Morrow: Samantha and Charlotte G, Vice-Captain - Tahlee. Penaluna: Niamh and Alira; Strzelecki: Paige and Travis, Vice-Captain - Jess; Irving - Jordan and Indily, Vice-Captains Quin and Ruby. House Captains help out with our athletic sports, manage

the Sports Shed and organise Grades 3 to 6 sports sessions.

Active School
Our students are enjoying tennis lessons with Mr Andrew Peavey on Mondays. On Tuesday they develop their skills with Ms Tina Larrad in the lead up to our own Athletic Sports and the Yinnar and District Sports set for Friday March 24. On Tuesdays and Thursdays Ms Jo Dryden takes our students for BluEarth games and activities to build co-operative skills, fitness and highlight the enjoyment of being physically active.

Swimming Sports
One brave student represented our school at the recent Yinnar and District level. Ruby A of Grade 5 enjoyed the experience and came first in free-style and third in backstroke, which

was a sensational effort. Ruby will now represent the Yinnar and District schools in the zone competition.

Mandarin classes
Our Prep to Grade 6 students are enjoying finding out about Chinese culture and learning some basic Mandarin. We are grateful to Kurnai College for allowing us to tap into their staff members, Li and Shen to provide this program.

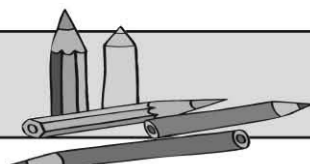
Fabulous help
Parent and student volunteers did a great job spreading soft-fall mulch under and around the base of climbing equipment in the main play-ground area. Aleeah and Cora-Lynn's Mum, Anne-Maree Stever also organised horse manure for our garden beds which Matilda, Harry and Charlottes' Mum and Dad,

Rachael and Danny Maxwell spread on our gardens.

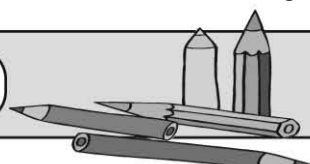
Boolarra Folk Festival
As is tradition, our students kicked off the music program at 11:00 am on Saturday March 4 with our drumming routine. This year we also ran a craft stall at the Folk Festival featuring wonderful goodies made by all our students during their Art classes. In addition, we sold scrumptious cupcakes prepared by our industrious parents. Not only was a great day had by all but we also raised money to help us improve our school. We are very grateful to the members of the Boolarra Folk Festival Committee who work so hard to provide this fabulous event that showcases our magnificent town.



School News



Lumen Christi Primary



Welcome to 2017!

Lumen Christi has had a terrific start to the year, a year in which we celebrate our 40th Birthday.

We welcomed a lovely bunch of Preps this year, as well as a good number of new families. Other new members to our community included our new priests Father Siju and Father Edwin, sadly though we farewelled Father Francis [to Traralgon] and Father Antony [to Cranbourne].

We are so lucky to have such wonderful support from

our priests.

This year has already been busy both in and out of the classrooms. Our teachers completed a range of assessments on every child in the school earlier in the year, to shape and tailor our learning programs, while the school leadership has participated in a series of strategic meetings and professional development.

The statement 'we are all learners' is certainly appropriate to use as all students, staff and leaders

strive to improve.

A highlight of the start of the year is always the presentation of the incoming student leadership team. The 2017 team includes Charlotte Ryan and Hannah Williams [School Captains], Hannah Atherton and Katelin Mansfield [Vice-Captains] and House Leaders Jacob Cheney, Oakleigh Riley and Lochlann Simpson.

These students were selected by their peers and we congratulate them on their appointments. Their

first representative duty was as guests of Lavalla College at their Commissioning Mass which was beautifully presented, as was the morning tea the students enjoyed afterwards!



Our school mass roster was quickly operational and we thank Father Siju for supporting us in this regard.

We have celebrated our Opening Whole School Mass and each class has also had their own Class Mass. At the beginning of March we also joined with Christians around the world to celebrate the season of Lent, the time of preparation for Easter.

During this time the school will put into action our social justice plans as we fundraise for Project Compassion.

With the sun shining on most days we have taken advantage of the conditions to offer the students a range of sporting opportunities.

Our 'Sporting Schools' program this term has been provided by Melbourne Victory Soccer Club and Little Athletics Victoria, while our interschool events have been swimming and the upcoming athletics day at Yinnar, that we are all excited about.



We also will have our Annual Athletics Day later in

March.

With a new school year starting and the appointment of a new Principal we have taken the opportunity to welcome new people and

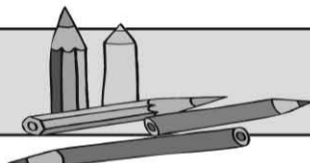


new ideas to our Parent Groups. We are blessed to have some great people in our community and we look forward to the leadership they will bring to the school.

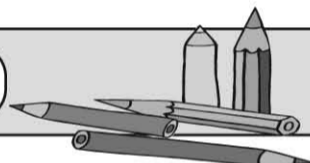
Lumen Christi Catholic Primary School wishes the other schools and the Churchill community a terrific 2017.



School News



Kurnai College Junior Campus



China Trip

Recently, a number of Year 9 students went to Melbourne to learn about Chinese culture and their lifestyle, as this group of students will be going to China during March and April for six weeks. The students from Churchill Campus will join other Year 9 students

from Morwell Campus and other schools across the state, for a Student Leaders trip to China. Students from Churchill Campus will be Shelby Love, Emily Griffiths, Sophia Scholes, Nick Alston and William Richards. During this time, they will be visiting Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing and will be

attending schools in China. They will also be spending some time with their Chinese buddy. This will be a fabulous opportunity for our students.

Swimming Carnival

On Thursday February 16, Churchill Campus students and staff joined with other Kurnai College Campuses for the annual Swimming Carnival. This is a day when all Kurnai College students and staff can get together and have fun, social interactions. Many students and staff were decked out in House colours.

The day provides for the students to participate in the traditional freestyle, butterfly,

and 50m freestyle races.

The Carnival was held at the Moe outdoor pool. We were lucky on the day, for after a bleak start with it being chilly and overcast, it turned into a wonderful warm sunny day. Everyone attending on the day enjoyed each other's company and had lots of fun. There was the diving/ bombing competition, badminton, inner-tube relay, bathroom relay, teacher/ student lilo race, or students could just play or splash about in the wading pools.

Points for all races and participants were tallied. The winning house was Thorpe

reading a book or reading an ebook from a tablet. During this reading time, the students will also be completing a reading log.

Students from Years 9 and 10 have begun to mentor

texts. Difficulties arising for individuals can be picked up and worked upon with the mentoring students or referred on to the student's teachers.

The staff at Years level 8 and 9 will also begin



breaststroke and backstroke races and obtain times that may allow swimming in the next stage of the State School Swimming Championships.

Bridget Cain was the outstanding swimmer for the day, obtaining Kurnai College record times in the 50m butterfly, 50m breaststroke

(Red), followed by Siddle (Yellow), Freeman (Green) and coming at the rear, Forsyth (Blue)

Mentoring

Form Group time has continued to be used for silent reading. This year the Year 8 team has decided that the students will need to be

individual students in Years 7 and 8. This will allow the students from the lower year levels to develop their reading abilities by ensuring that students are reading at an appropriate level, improving their vocabulary and comprehension of the

mentoring groups of students. This will allow the students to build their confidence, help develop a rapport with the staff, enable the school to be proactive and assist students more quickly with any concerns.



Cooking with Noelene



Cider and onion soup

This is very good, it is all about slow cooking .

Pour 2 tbs of rice bran oil in and around the bowl of the slow cooker.

Divide 4 tbs of marg / butter and spread them evenly around the bowl.

Add 4 large onions, peeled and thinly sliced along with 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and chopped.

Cover and cook on low for 8 - 10 hours, the onions will be softened and caramelised.

Later in the day add 1 litre of chicken stock, 1 ½ litres of apple cider, 2 tbs of brandy (optional).

Season with salt and pepper (to taste).

Cover and cook on high for 1 hour.



Fresh Fruit Salad Cake

Peel and slice 2 oranges removing any seeds.

Peel, core and chop 2 apples roughly.

Peel 2 ripe bananas and cut into chunks.

Place all fruits into a processor and blend until

smooth.

Place into a bowl and add 1 cup of sultanas, 185 gm of melted margarine /butter, 3/4 of a cup of castor sugar and 2 cups of self raising flour.

Use a wooden spoon to mix well.

Pour the fruit batter into two 20cm x 10cm greased

baking pans.

Bake in a well heated oven on 180 deg C for 55 mins or until cooked when tested.

Leave in the pan for 5 minutes before turning onto a wire cake cooler.

Serve sliced and spread with lemon curd.

Yours Truly

rural Australia.

“Choreographed by Australian choreographers Paul Malek and Kim Adam, ‘Yours Truly’ will inspire and move you. With a softly lit stage and emotive music, the lives of three couples are exposed to the upheaval of war and its emotional repercussions. This is historical drama at its best, song and dance, breathing, weaving heartbreak on stage,” Ms Roberts said.

Green Room Award Nominee Jayden Hicks and local dancer Lauree Malek star, alongside Kurt Dwyer-Williams, Danika Sayce,

Lachlan Hall and Lucy Doherty. Music by Antony and the Johnsons, a New York-based alternative rock band known for their cinematic orchestral arrangements and haunting vocals.

“Please come and immerse yourself in this gripping and emotionally charged show offering a glimpse into our country’s past,” Ms Roberts concluded.

To book tickets go to the box office or visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/lpawhatson

You can find out more information on the 2017 season, membership or subscription packages.

Latrobe City supports progress on Worker Transfer scheme

Latrobe City Council Mayor, Councillor Kellie O’Callaghan has welcomed news that the Worker Transfer scheme is progressing well.

“I congratulate all the parties involved, in particular the leadership and negotiation skills of State Minister for Industry and Employment and the Minister for Resources Wade Noonan and former Federal Minister for Regional Development Simon Crean,” Councillor O’Callaghan said.

“For initiatives such as this to work there must be strong mutual cooperation, respect and a focus on a shared goal; a goal that allows the redeployment of staff and

the dignified retirement of those who are happy to move onto other things.

We thank all parties for their hard work and encourage ENGIE to faithfully participate in the government’s process.

It would be fair to say that the community has lost trust in ENGIE and we would encourage them to grasp this as an opportunity to demonstrate that they still have some level of commitment to this community.

Announcements such as these are never easy to secure and represent the united work occurring to secure a just and respectful transition for the

Latrobe City community.

We are delighted that there will be an opportunity for a number of workers and their families to remain in the Latrobe City in the employment sector that they love.

If we’ve learnt anything from the SBS Insight program it is that the people of the Valley have an incredible sense of attachment to this place.

They love living here, they’re connected to this community and they believe that it is the best place in Victoria to raise their families,” Councillor O’Callaghan concluded.

\$800,000 for drug and alcohol help across Gippsland

Young people suffering from substance misuse and their loved ones will be the focus of two new support programs beginning in Gippsland this month.

Federal Member for Gippsland Darren Chester welcomed news Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN) had received \$800,000 from the Federal Government to help people struggling with addiction to alcohol, ice and other drugs, and their families and carers.

“Alcohol abuse remains a leading factor in health

and violence problems in Gippsland, but the increased prevalence of ice is extremely alarming and its affects are being felt across our region,” Mr Chester said.

“The Federal Government is funding the Gippsland PHN to provide solutions best suited to our local area.”

The two programs have been created with input from the community, consumers, carers, existing service providers and research partners.

‘You’re Not Alone’, delivered by the Australian

Community Support Organisation, is designed for families, friends and carers of people misusing substances. It is a substance abuse support service and provides brief, early intervention by offering information and guidance, advocacy and referrals.

The Youth Alcohol and Other Drug Outreach Service will provide alcohol and drug treatment services to vulnerable young people aged from 12 to 25. It will be available through the Youth Support and Advocacy Service.

Celebrating 30 years of ‘The Wind in the Willows’

Australia’s longest running theatre show, ‘The Wind in the Willows’, fresh from a sell-out season in London, is celebrating 30 years of entertainment with its indoor theatre debut. The show will be performed at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre on Thursday March 23, at 6.30pm.

Latrobe City Council’s performing arts and venues coordinator, Kathleen Roberts, said ‘The Wind in the Willows’ had become a tradition for Australian families, with many who saw the show as children now bringing their own little ones.

“We’re inviting our own community to either continue that tradition or start their own tradition anew, with Ratty, Mole, Badger, Otter and of course, Mr Toad, as they bring to life Kenneth Grahame’s story of life on the riverbank.

This critically acclaimed theatre production delivers music, songs and laughs. The show is also interactive as the Head Chief Rabbit transforms the audience into rabbits with a waggle of the ears and a wiggle of the nose.

The young ‘rabbits’ are encouraged to get involved in the action, and are given every opportunity to scream out

loud, sing along and become part of the adventure,” Ms Roberts said.

“Family theatre is such a wonderful way to spend an evening and this story holds a special place in most of our hearts. Don’t be disappointed – book now,” Ms Roberts concluded.

The Wind in the Willows will be performed at the Latrobe Performing Arts Centre on Thursday March 23, at 6.30pm

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"Connecting Your Community"

Latrobe Leisure Churchill

By Bronte Hillis Harland. The Leisure Centre in Churchill was opened forty years ago, extended in 1993 and refurbished in 2011.

Known as Latrobe Leisure Churchill, the centre is a community owned facility which services over 100,000 visits a year – all community members can feel a sense of ownership and staff members are always keen to see new faces.

You will be amazed at the diversity of activities which you can enjoy in the fully equipped gym, which offers twenty-five exercise classes.

Or you could go for a

swim in the six-lane indoor 25-metre heated pool which is the deepest indoor pool in the Latrobe area, at 2.6m.

This pool services community swimmers, the Traralgon and Churchill Swim Clubs and the Learn to Swim program - which has been designed by qualified and experienced AUSTSWIM instructors to teach the youngest of our community to enjoy the water safely.

Latrobe Leisure Churchill has been responsible for teaching more than 2000 children to swim.

But if swimming isn't for you, why not kick back and



relax in the heated sauna?

Latrobe Leisure Churchill also offers two squash courts, aerobics and boxing rooms, two international standard multi-use netball and basketball courts and a function room.

You can come to play or you can join one of the sporting teams who call the centre home, including basketball, volleyball and indoor netball clubs.

Latrobe Valley Hockey Association

Hockey season is nearly upon us and we have vacancies for players in all age groups.

We are currently playing summer competition on Wednesday nights - juniors from 4.30pm and seniors from 6pm, so come on down to Federation University and have a look to see what we are about.

Our registration day is Saturday March 25, from 9am for juniors – U7s, U10s, U13s and U17s. The U13s and U17s will be playing on Friday nights and other junior ages on Saturday mornings.

Open men and women are

on Saturday afternoons.

Our men's competition has lost a number of players due to younger players moving to Melbourne for university etc, and sadly some men have chosen not to play here until the change rooms and toilets are built.

For 2017 we will be running nine a side competition whilst building up our numbers.

We have also established a working party with West Gippsland Hockey Association with a view to the two associations joining their senior competitions.



If there are any keen men out there who would like to learn to play, pick up where they left off or are looking for a team, please come on down or ring Linda Reid on 0413 087 481 for more details.

Churchill & Monash Golf Club results

Saturday January 28, 2017. Mens Monthly Medal. A Grade: 0 – 17 - J. Barnes (16) 82 66, B Grade: 18-21- D. Caldwell (19) 89 70. C. Grade: 22-36 - T. Collins (29) 92 63. Ladies: C. Sterrick 66 Nett. DTL - Fabian 64, J. Woodbridge 68, L. Stein 69, A Auld 69, P Smart 70. C/B - T Webb 70 C/B, P Junker 70 C/B, R Ancilleri 70 C/B, P Coad 70 C/B, NTP - 3rd A. Auld, 5th T. Collins, 12th P Coad, 14th K. Hills. Pro Pin – A.Auld. Scratch - T. O'Rielly 78. Putts - T. Webb 24.

Tuesday January 31, 2017. Ladies Stableford. Winner - J. Blizzard (29) 39. DTL - J. Beck 36 Points,

C. Barnes 35 Points. NTP - 3rd S. Turner, 12th B. Beebe. 5/14 0-29 - J. Blizzard, 5/14 30-45 B. Beebe.

Saturday February 4, 2017. Mens Stableford. A Grade - 0 – 19 J. Sanders (8) 40. B Grade - 20-24 Sebire (20) 38. C. Grade – 25-36 Fabian (29) 40. Ladies. V. Verheyen (28) 35. DTL - P Jordan 39, J. Tettman, J. Jeffery

36, J Sterrick 36, J Ambrosini 35C/B/C. G.Spowart 35, D. Elwood 35, A Sharrock 35 C/B. NTP - 3rd W Judkins, 5th D. Elwood, 12th

V Sammut, 4th B Barnes. Target Hole - J. Soppe.

Tuesday February 7, 2017. Ladies Monthly Medal Stroke. Scratch Winner - M. Dear (15) 94,

H/Cap and Medal Winner - B. Beebe (32) 74. DTL - M. McConville (26) 75, J. Beck (32) 77.

Putts - M. Dear 29. NTP - 3rd M. Dear, 5th M. Dear, 12th J. Beck, 14th M. Dear.

Saturday February 25, 2017, Mens Stroke Monthly Medal. A Grade 0 – 17 L. Stein (14) 68 C/B. B Grade 18-24 A. Sharrock (19) 67 (Medal Winner). C. Grade 25-36 R. Zomer (36) 69.

Ladies. M. Dear (15) 75. DTL: G. Beyer 68 – T. Sterrick 68 – H. Martin 69 – D. Ellwood – T. Collins 71 – C. Hogbin 71 – B. Mathieson 71. NTP: 3rd W. Millett, 5th C. Gosling, 12th D. Ellwood, 14th P. Coffey,

Target Hole: L. Stein, Pro Pin W. Willett. Scratch: G Beyer. Putts: G. Spowart. Birdie: D. Ellwood 12th – G. Beyer 5th and 12th .

Ladies Stableford: Tuesday February 28, 2017. Winners: S. Turner (25) 38. DTL: D. Judkins (26) 36. NTP: 3RD J. Beck, 5th L. Peake, 12th D. Stait, 14th S. Turner. Birdie: J. Beck 3rd.

Saturday March 4, 2017. 27 Hole C/Ship. Winners Scratch: P. Smart (9) and R. Madigan (14) 128. Winners Handicap J. Mc Cafferty (20) and M. Soppe (23) 104.75. Runners Up: P. Williams (19) and B. Barnes (31) 105.5. DTL: B. Mathieson (26) and P. Coffey (29) 108.25 - J. Jeffery (26) and C. Barnes (31) 106 ¼ . NTP: 3rd B. Baldock. Pro Pin B. Baldock.

Ladies Monthly Medal Tuesday March 7, 2017. Winner: C. Barnes (36) 63. Scratch: M. Mc Conville 99 C/B. DTL: M. Mc Conville 74 C/B. L. Peake 74 C/B. NTP: 5th J. Blizzard 12th M. Mc Quillen

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How can we help?

We can provide individual, couple and family counselling as well as group work and community events.

Where are services offered?

We have centres in Traralgon and Bairnsdale. We also offer our counselling service via telephone and video conference facilities.

How much does counselling cost?

Free counselling is provided to anyone affected by the current Hazelwood power station closure or dairy industry conditions. For those not affected by these we charge fees for our counselling service. All fees, however, are appropriate for the financial capacity of clients to pay. Please call us to discuss your situation.

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